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# Pirate radio investigators terrorized

## Ministry teams attacked by anarchist groups

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Government radio engineers are being terrorized as they track down pirate radio operators, it was revealed yesterday.

A catalogue of physical attacks on members of the radio investigation service, including one who later died from a heart attack after being set upon in Birmingham, was disclosed by senior government sources.

It was revealed that an anarchist group based in London has latched on to the cause of the "pirates," inciting them to violence and advising how to fight the Department of Trade and Industry teams, and the police who accompany them, when they raid the illegal operators.

A document from the group distributed in the pirate radio "underworld" of London tells operators based on tower blocks how to confront DTI squads and police when they arrive to seize illicit equipment.

It advises them to try to trap the engineers in the lifts by throwing power switches.

"Then you take your gear down the stairs, beating up any of them you meet on the way, and make off."

The department cars are also vulnerable, it says. "If you are going to attack them directly make sure you are well-masked and armed and have enough skill and numbers to get past them. Go straight for the police officers and disable them before they can make their 'officer in distress' call. Take or smash their radios, or have someone jamming their frequencies."

The members of the investigation service, engineers called telecommunications technical officers, earn up to £13,000 a year plus overtime to enforce the Wireless Telegraphy Act. Many are living in fear for themselves and their families who are being intimidated.

Government sources have revealed the following incidents:

- Four engineers were ambushed by gangs in two cars off the Edgware Road in north London on their way back from monitoring duties. One car stopped in front, the other behind. Two engineers were dragged from the car and beaten with baseball bats. One, in his thirties, has a permanently crushed elbow.
- A radio investigation officer working alone in Birmingham was set upon by a gang, dragged out of his car and had his false teeth smashed before having a heart attack and died. "He never got over it," a DTI source said.
- An officer climbing up a ladder at a London tower block to investigate an unlicensed operation had it pulled from under him.
- RIS vehicles are being

chased by gangs after being spotted carrying out their more routine work. Terrified officers have driven through red traffic lights to evade pursuers.

● Officers and families have received threatening calls from unlicensed operators.

● A British Gas engineer was told that he would be "done over outside" after an argument on the telephone with a pirate about frequencies.

The Government has decided to reveal details of the battle between its officers and the pirates to win public support for what is recognized to be an unpopular job, and because of deep concern over the involvement of anarchist elements.

Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary for Trade and Industry, told *The Times* last night: "I want the public to understand that the work of this department is to protect the public at large. They have an extraordinarily difficult job but it is applied with commonsense and realism."

"This recent phenomenon is very disturbing and we need the help of the public at large to support the RIS. What they are doing is in the interests of the public."

Some officers are also believed to be unhappy over the amount of co-operation from the police. There have been no prosecutions resulting from any of the attacks on RIS staff.

Terrified officers being pursued by a gang took refuge in a police station. The gang followed them in, and started a stand-up row with the RIS officers in the station. When the police intervened the gang alleged the RIS officers had harassed one of the unlicensed operators.

The police took no action against the gang and suggested they should bring in the alleged injured party as a witness.

The RIS became part of the DTI when British Telecom, in which it used to be situated, was privatized. It has about 200 staff across the country, of whom about 20 are engaged at any one time in tracking down unlicensed broadcasters. Its job is to enforce the telegraphy

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## Expansion of jails opposed

By Peter Evans

An expansion in the prison building programme being considered by the Government was opposed yesterday by the Howard League for Penal Reform, which said the plan would be the penal system further into a quagmire.

"The league is concerned that we may be on the brink of a massive boost to the prison building programme," Mr Andrew Rutherford, its chairman, said.

The 41,000 cells available were more than required for persons remanded or sentenced for serious offences. "Resorting to building more prisons simply gets in the way of fundamental reforms that are required in bail and sentencing decisions."

The reaction came after a survey by *The Times* of Boards of Visitors' annual reports. The league said of the official watchdogs' reports that they might be regarded by the Home Office, with other indications of alarm, as a justification to build yet more prisons.

The Home Office said each annual report was responded to individually by the Prison Department.

The Government is seriously considering adding at least another 10 prisons to the 17 in the pipeline.

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John Demjanjuk talks to policemen guarding him during a break in his trial in Jerusalem yesterday.

## 'I am no hangman,' says Demjanjuk

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

His deep voice trembling with emotion, Mr John Demjanjuk made a powerful plea to the war crimes trial in Jerusalem yesterday when he began trying to prove that he is not "Ivan the Terrible," the mass executioner of Treblinka death camp.

"I am not the hangman or henchman you are thinking of," he said. "I was never at Treblinka, nor Sobibor (another death camp)."

"Since the beginning of the trial I have been sitting looking at the shadow of the accused Treblinka. My heart aches and I do grieve deeply for what was done to your

people by the Nazis during the Second World War and only because your people were Jews.

"I wish to be believed. Please do not put the noose around my neck for what was perpetrated by others."

It was put to him that the prosecution had said that he had volunteered to join the SS

and to serve in extermination camps. "Never," he said. "I was in three languages with the official record kept in Hebrew and Mr Demjanjuk answering in Ukrainian the questions put to him in English."

Mr Demjanjuk is expected to finish giving his story today. Forgery claim, page 7

## Aviation shake-up planned

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A review of Britain's aviation policy is being planned by the Government in the aftermath of the controversy caused by the proposed merger between British Airways and British Caledonian.

It seems likely that the Director General of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Burrie, will approve the link up without reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

However even if he does ministers are likely to overrule him.

With a new team of ministers in the Department of Transport, saddled with an official policy which is committed to backing competition among airlines at all levels, the Government is facing acute embarrassment.

The existing policy, enshrined in a White Paper, will remain in force until a new official policy document is prepared.

The pressure for a review will build today with a series of meetings between government agencies and airlines.

BA and B-Cal are to meet Sir Gordon to urge an immediate rubber stamping of the deal.

Air Europe will press its bid to take over £50 million to take over B-Cal's existing European network from the new merged airline.

Also four charter airlines - Britannia, Monarch, Orion and British Island Airways - are meeting Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, to urge him to afford them greater protection from the prospect of a new giant British scheduled carrier.



Sir Gordon Burrie: meeting with BA and B-Cal today.

## Iran says Kuwait will pay for flying US flag

From Robert Fisk, Kuwait

Already humiliated by the US Navy's sudden discovery that it cannot after all guarantee safe passage through the Gulf minefield for its 11 US-flagged ships, Kuwait has had to endure a sinister new propaganda barrage from the Iranians.

They have said that the Kuwaitis will be "punished for dishonouring" their own Islamic national flag and replacing it on their vessels with that of an enemy.

In a grim clarification of his earlier threats to retaliate against the economic centres of Iraq's Arab allies if Iraq resumes attacks against Iranian installations, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, said that there will not be a single Muslim, including all Persian Gulf sheikhdoms, to shed a tear when Kuwait is punished by Iran for humiliating an Islamic flag and replacing it with the flag of a country that is an avowed enemy of Islam and Muslims. Servants have

to share the fate of their master."

All day yesterday the Kuwaitis waited for word from the US Coastguard authorities that the damaged American-flagged tanker Bridgeton - mined while under escort by the US Navy on Friday - could be loaded with crude oil for its return journey to the Gulf of Oman. But their initial desire to load the Bridgeton

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with a token amount of oil and sail it back to Hormuz before repairs, has gone unfulfilled. The ship is said still to be in need of vital repairs to four compartments and some shipping agents were privately advising the Kuwaitis to swallow their pride and send the vessel empty down to the Bahrain dry-dock before contemplating its further use as a tanker.

The American frogmen who originally cleared mines from the 30-mile long Al-

ahmadi channel - which runs up to the Kuwaiti offshore oil loading station - were yesterday still ensconced at the Hilton Hotel here with no immediate prospect of clearing the far more dangerous channel 120 miles away and east of Farsi Island where the Bridgeton was damaged.

The US Navy is likely to need helicopters equipped with sonar for such a task but at present neither the Kuwaitis nor the Saudis wish to assist in such a project in international waters. "The Americans have no obvious base from which to fly the machines since the Saudis do not want US helicopters operating on their territory."

The Saudis have condemned as "sheer lies" a suggestion in a French newspaper that the Saudi Navy will help clear the mines.

● LONDON: The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that it had no plans to send a minesweeper to the Persian Gulf

## Harare close to Pretoria boycott

From Jan Raath, Harare

The Zimbabwe Government is wavering on the brink of severing its trading links with South Africa, its largest trading partner, reliable sources here said yesterday.

The Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, is understood to have made a decision in principle to end all trade links - which would confront Zimbabwe with a massive economic upheaval - but his Cabinet now appears to be having second thoughts.

Two members of the Cabinet and a senior government official last week separately told the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce, the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industry and the Chamber of Mines that exports to and imports from South Africa were to end.

Foreign currency allocations for imports issued by the Zimbabwe Reserve Bank on Friday were stamped: "Not for use in South Africa, Taiwan, South Korea and Israel." South Africa accounts for 21 per cent of all Zimbabwe's foreign trade. More than 60 per cent of the £21.7m of cross-border trade is classified as essential goods. Zimbabwe's trade with the other three countries is negligible.

After a major lobby effort by the private sector and divisions within the Cabinet, however, the plan has been "put on hold", sources said. The Cabinet is meeting today but observers believe it is unlikely that a decision will be made while Mr Mugabe is in Addis Ababa for the 23rd summit of the Organization of African Unity.

Economists here said the proposed severance would bring the economy, already in a critical state as a result of the country's struggle to meet foreign-debt repayments, to a standstill.

But Mr Mugabe has been known for a considerable time to be deeply disappointed by the failure to only recently opened Western nations but also of the rest of Africa to impose anything but nominal sanctions against South Africa.

This frustration, sources reported, was heightened on Monday last week when President Kaunda of Zambia announced during a meeting with Mr Mugabe that their two countries would not be able to cut air links with South Africa.

Mr Mugabe is said to have returned from the meeting in an angry mood, and on Tuesday instructed the responsible Cabinet Ministers to put the plan for trade sanctions into action.

From the beginning, however, divergencies in interpretation of Mr Mugabe's instructions

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## Cabinet undecided on poll tax timing

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government has still to decide on how long it will take over phasing in its community charge or poll tax.

The Cabinet committee in charge of the reform of the rating system broke up after a meeting lasting 90 minutes yesterday without final agreement, but it is understood to have narrowed the options.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been asked to prepare a paper setting out the advantages and disadvantages of the various possibilities, notably involving a three-year phasing-in period from 1990 or a five-year period.

He will put the proposals before another meeting of the committee later in the week, probably on Thursday.

The growing expectation among ministers last night was that agreement would be reached on a three-year transitional stage during which the

## How I Improved My Memory In One Evening

The Amazing Experience of Robert Heap

"Of course I place you! You're Bob Jones of Birmingham."

"John Bagshaw, the supermarket man, introduced me to you at the dinner of the Bowls Club three years ago in October."

"The assurance of this speaker - in the hotel corridor compelled me to look at him."

As we went into the banquet room the toast-master was introducing guests to Dr. Furst. I got in line and Dr. Furst asked me, "What are your initials Mr. Heap, your occupation and telephone number?" Why he asked this, I learned later, when he picked out from the crowd the sixty men he had met two hours before and called each by name without a mistake. What's more, he named each man's occupation and telephone number.

Amazingly he also called back long lists of numbers, playing cards, prices, newspaper articles and anything else the guests gave him in rapid order.

"When I met Dr. Furst, he rather bowled me over by saying: 'There is nothing marvellous about my remembering anything I want to remember whether it be names, faces, figures, facts, or something I have read.'"

"You can do this as easily as I do. So can anyone with an average mind."

"My own memory," continued Bruno Furst, "was originally very faulty. On meeting a man I would forget his name in thirty seconds, while now there are probably over ten thousand men and women in the world whose names I can recall instantly on meeting them."

"That is alright for you, Dr. Furst. I interrupted, 'you have given years to it. But how about me?'"

"Mr. Heap," he replied, "I can teach you the secret of a good memory in one evening. I have

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## Village school engages the Attorney-General

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, is poised to use an almost forgotten power of his office to intervene personally to protect a small Church of England primary school in Devon from the unwelcome attentions of the Alliance-controlled county council.

He has agreed to a request by Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, that he investigate the case for asking the High Court for a full judicial review into whether the Council has improperly foisted on the school a teacher whom the governors do not want and consider unsuitable.

The governors of Burescombe Primary near Tiverton cannot afford

legal action against the county council, but are fortunate in having Mr Maxwell-Hyslop, the procedural master par excellence of Westminster, as their MP.

When told of the school's apparently hopeless case he produced an obscure passage from an erudite tome entitled *The Law Officers of the Crown* which stated that the Attorney-General, in an ex-officio non-governmental capacity, could set the law in motion to protect the public interest where a public authority had abused its powers.

In a Commons written answer last week, Sir Patrick accepted Mr Maxwell-Hyslop's case and said he would examine the matter.

The MP argues that foisting the teacher, Mrs Josephine Baron, on the

school, as part of an effort to redeploy surplus teachers, contravenes the council's stated policies of filling teaching vacancies according to the needs of the school, and of no compulsory redeployments.

In a sworn affidavit submitted to the Attorney-General, the governors claim that the school was obliged to accept Mrs Baron because they were told unequivocally by a council officer that she would be appointed over their heads if they did not.

The affidavit continues: "We, the governors, found her completely inexperienced in dealing with the very young children."

"She had stated on three occasions that she didn't like that age group and had even asked the lower junior

teacher in our school if she would change classes.

"We were also extremely worried about her personality and we do not feel that she will fit in smoothly with the present staff."

"Had we not had this threat made to us, or had we been allowed to have time to think about it, we would never have endorsed Mrs Baron's appointment - something we are extremely unhappy about."

Mr Maxwell-Hyslop said that the county council should rescind Mrs Baron's appointment because the damage to the school would be matched only by "the formidable costs which Devon County Council will incur in attempting to defend an action for judicial review."



## Masked gunman kills RUC man

A masked gunman yesterday shot dead an RUC officer who had been forced from his home last year by 'loyalists' protesting against the Anglo Irish agreement.

The Provisional IRA burst into the new home of Constable Norman Kennedy and shot him at point blank range while he watched television with his wife. Their two children, aged 14 and 11, were asleep upstairs.

Mr Kennedy, aged 41, had fled from his home at Limavady, Co Londonderry, to Ballymena, Co Antrim, after loyalists hurled paint bombs through windows during a campaign to intimidate the RUC.

Mr Kennedy is the sixty-second person to die in the troubles this year and the twelfth RUC officer.

## Gift for hospital

Exiled King Constantine of Greece has presented £4,000 to the hospital where staff saved the life of Crown Prince Pavlos, his son, after a road crash a month ago.

The king has sent a cheque to help to buy equipment for Basingstoke hospital where the prince, aged 20, was in the intensive care ward.

Prince Pavlos, a serving officer in the Scot's Dragoon Guards, was critically injured when his car somersaulted over an underpass at Micheldever, Hampshire.

## Sellafield all-clear

Reprocessing of nuclear fuel at Sellafield began again yesterday after a three-month break.

The reactors on the site had been shut down while more than £6 million was spent by British Nuclear Fuels on a maintenance programme to ensure that safety standards demanded by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate were met. The inspectorate gave the all-clear to start again at the weekend.

British Nuclear Fuels is believed to have orders worth £2.5 billion for the reprocessing of fuel.

## Men survive air crash

Two Royal Air Force crewmen parachuted to safety yesterday when the Tornado aircraft they were flying crashed near the small North Yorkshire town of Kirkbymoorside.

The pilot and navigator were taken to Scarborough hospital, one with a suspected broken arm, the other with cuts and bruises.

The RAF said: "A Tornado from RAF Bruggen in West Germany crashed at Fildes just north of Kirkbymoorside. The falling aircraft did not cause any injury or damage to property."



## Bond star gets cash

Timothy Dalton, the new James Bond, won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over newspaper allegations that he was to be dropped after only one appearance in the role, in *The Living Daylights*.

Mr Oscar Beuselinck, for Mr Dalton, told the court that the allegation in the *News of the World* in March was "entirely without foundation".

The publishers and editor now accepted the allegation was untrue. They apologized and agreed to pay damages and all legal costs.

## Mail lost in blaze

A mountain of mail went up in smoke after fire broke out at an Essex post office depot. Thirty-five firemen fought for two hours to control the blaze at Chadwick Road, Ilford.

Hundreds of thousands of letters are believed lost. The fire brigade said: "There was a huge stack of mail at least 8ft high and 15ft wide". An unofficial strike by post office workers had led to a backlog. The Post Office said at least 400 sacks of mail were destroyed. "If it's gone it's gone — but we do apologise to customers whose mail has been lost and damaged."

## Abattoirs for deer proposed in Bill

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

A controversial Bill to sanction the slaughter of deer in licensed abattoirs could help to popularize venison as an alternative to other red meats.

The *Farmed Deer (Slaughter) Bill* has been introduced by Miss Emma Nicholson, the new Conservative MP for West Devon and Torridge. As she came eighth in the ballot for private members' Bills and has full government backing, she stands a good chance of getting it on the statute book.

The Bill comes after the majority recommendation of the Farm Animal Welfare Council, the Government's livestock watchdog, to allow deer to be killed for meat in commercial slaughterhouses with adequate safeguards, like other farm animals.

The recommendation split the council when four members refused to back it because, they argued, it would be cruel to subject such sensitive and nervous creatures to the trauma of abattoirs. At present most farmed deer are shot on the farms with high-powered rifles with telescopic sights.

The Bill is expected to be followed closely by animal welfare organizations which are already worried about conditions in British slaughterhouses.

Mr Donald Thompson, a junior agriculture minister,

announced on Friday that he is backing the council's majority recommendation.

Mr Alistair Mews, assistant chief veterinary officer at the RSPCA, said: "We have not had a chance to study either the Bill or the Government's response to the council's recommendation. But in the main we are disappointed and will work hard to ensure there are adequate guidelines for the welfare of the deer."

Miss Nicholson, who is planning to visit some of Britain's 200 commercial deer farms during the summer, said her Bill will bring farmed deer within the scope of the statutory controls for killing livestock and stop their slaughter in unlicensed "knackers' yards".

Supermarket chains are also pressing for the slaughter of deer to be carried out through licensed abattoirs.

Although commercial deer farming in Scotland has attracted considerable interest in the past few years, sales have not reached predicted levels (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

That has less to do with the fact that commercial slaughterhouses are not licensed to process the animals than with consumer resistance to an unfamiliar product, and the fact that venison is still expensive compared with beef, lamb and pork.

## Belgians may prosecute Herald staff

By Rodney Cowton  
Transport Correspondent

The Belgian authorities may prosecute those blamed for the capsizing of the *Herald of Free Enterprise* at Zeebrugge, even though no criminal charges will be brought in Britain.

That was made clear yesterday by Mr Herman de Croo, the Belgian minister of transport, in an interview on the BBC *Breakfast Time* television programme.

He said the Belgian prosecutor will decide before the end of the year whether criminal charges should be brought in connection with the disaster.

which claimed at least 188 lives.

Although he praised the speed with which the report of the British official inquiry, had been produced, he said parts of it were weak.

He was surprised that the British Department of Transport had failed to notice instances of neglect in Townsend Thoresen's operations.

A conference of shipping experts convened by British Maritime Technology, a leading research establishment based at Feltham, west London, decided yesterday to go ahead with a research programme looking at all

aspects of safety in roll-on roll-off ferries.

It was attended by representatives from British Ferries, British Shipbuilders, RMT, the nationalized Belgian ferry company, the Department of Transport, trade unionists and the Ministry of Defence.

The conference was not attended by Britain's two largest ferry operators, P&O and Sealink British Ferries, who are involved in a separate research project with the Department of Transport and the General Council of British Shipping and others.

However, yesterday's con-

ference decided to invite the two ferry companies to join them.

One of the recommendations of the court of inquiry was that roll-on roll-off passenger ferries which did not conform to construction regulations introduced in 1980 and 1984 should be phased out of service if they could not be modified to make them do so.

Wildly different estimates of what was needed to make them conform emerged from industrial sources.

One said that to meet the regulations would require the installation of so much steel

that it would wipe out half the cargo-carrying capacity. Another said it could be done by some adjustment of the deadweight of a ship, possibly involving changes in its superstructure.

Townsend Thoresen is expected to take disciplinary action against Mr Mark Stanley, the assistant bosun on the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, who was asleep when he should have been closing the bow doors as the ferry sailed from Zeebrugge.

The company is also likely to take action against senior members of management who were criticized in the report of the public inquiry.

## '£20m painting settled a debt'

A man accused of stealing an oil painting believed to be worth £20 million claimed it was given to him to settle a debt, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Otto Stalp, a Dutchman, allegedly told police that he was given the painting, which is believed to be an El Greco, after lending its owner £30,000.

Miss Joanna Korner, for the prosecution, told Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, that Mr Stalp, aged 48, a company director, had told officers he was given the painting "to settle a debt".

Mr Stalp, of Sylvester House, Sceptre Road, Bethnal Green, east London, is charged with stealing the painting, "The Pilgrim of Emmaus", between March 16, 1981, and August 15, 1984. He denies the charge.

It belonged to Dr Henry Poget and Mr Philip Garziello, two Frenchmen who thought the painting was worth about £200,000.

Miss Korner said that the owners had appointed Mr Stalp to be their agent to sell the painting. But she said: "After being put in charge of the painting and trusted with it he made use of it for himself."

The painting was bought in 1980 by Mr Garziello. When a decision was made to sell it, Dr Poget met Mr Stalp in Paris where he was told that the Dutchman had good connections with art galleries.

Mr Stalp allegedly persuaded the two Frenchmen to let him take the painting to England to be valued. On March 16, 1981, it was put in the Cider House Art Gallery in Surrey.

Later Mr Stalp is alleged to have transferred it through three different banks in London. But in August 1984, police were advised that a stolen painting had been deposited at Barclays Bank in Tottenham Court Road, central London.

Miss Korner said that specialists from the Spanish ministry of culture claimed it was worth £20 million.

The case continues today.

## Briton is well placed to take chess honours

By Raymond Keene  
Chess Correspondent

Dr John Nunn, Britain's leading representative in the second of the world chess qualifying tournaments, at Szekes, Hungary, is well placed after seven rounds.

Top scores are Alexander Beliavsky (USSR), 5½ points from 7 games; Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia), 5½ from 8; John Nunn (GB) and Johann Hjartarson (Iceland), 5 from 7.

Glenn Flear (Britain) has 2½ from 6.

Three will qualify to join Jon Speelman, the British champion, and Nigel Short, both grandmasters, who are already through to the world championship candidates tournament.

Meanwhile, there has been a further British chess success in Puerto Rico where Catby Haslinger, a Londoner, has won the gold medal in the world's girls' under-14 championship.

## New charge in da Vinci case

A man accused of a shotgun attack on a Leonardo da Vinci cartoon at the National Gallery in London was remanded in custody until August 3 when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Robert Anthony Campbell, aged 37, of Glen Albion Road, Wimbledon, south-west London, who is already charged with causing criminal damage, was further charged with possessing a firearm with intent to commit criminal damage.

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## Teacher calls for children to learn how to be parents

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The head of a teachers' union has called for children to be taught something of the responsibilities of being a parent before they leave school.

Mrs Anne Spencer, chairman of the non-striking Professional Association of Teachers, told her union's annual conference in Exeter yesterday that "neglect of training for parenthood in our schools explains a great many evils of our society and is something which ought to give the teaching profession and others sleepless nights."

"Training for parenthood is not given a particularly high profile in our school curriculum."

Mrs Spencer, a nursery school head teacher from south London, added: "We have students learning about diet, homemaking and maybe how to bath the baby but what about the needs of a child for a loving, stable family situation where it is able to develop emotionally, mentally and physically? Parenthood is a job for life. You are on duty 24 hours a day, every day for many years. One of the most difficult things we ever try to do is bring up a child, and very little training is available."

Mrs Spencer said that more public investment in nursery education in England and Wales could solve many of the problems facing secondary schools.

"If all the resources that are poured into the other end of the scale trying to motivate bored teenagers, was put into a well thought-out national plan for the education of the early years, most of the later problems would be non-existent", she said.

The National Union of Teachers has called for wider recognition of middle schools, which are threatened with closure in many areas because of falling school rolls.

Half a million children in England, or 14 per cent of the eight to 13 age range, are in middle schools, which were hailed on their introduction in the late 1960s as offering smoother transition from junior school to a large comprehensive.

The 25 local authorities

which have middle schools are increasingly realizing that because of dwindling numbers of children in the middle school range they are no longer economically viable.

In a policy document published yesterday, the NUT said that middle schools were important because they provided high standards of pastoral care, a gradual introduction of more specialized work without losing children's links with their classroom teacher and the extension of child-centred learning.

Head teachers who want to scrap the traditional three-term year are appealing to the Government to think again after it rejected the idea.

Last week Mr Robert Dunn, Under Secretary of State for Education, told the House of Commons that there was "no widespread support among teachers or parents" for introducing four 10-week terms evenly spread through the year.

The National Association of Head Teachers, which is leading calls for a change, today wrote to Mr Dunn begging him to reconsider and challenging him to produce "the evidence" that the idea has no support.

The union has worked on plans for a four-term year for 20 years and has had support from local authorities, parents, industry, examination boards and other teachers' organizations.

Many teachers believe that the long summer break makes children forget their lessons from the summer term, while the long winter term is exhausting for pupils and teachers alike.

But some teachers are reluctant to lose their long summer break.

A level courses are too narrow and too intellectual, according to an independent research unit funded by the Department of Education and Science.

The Further Education Unit has called for A levels to take less space in the sixth form curriculum and form a less dominant part of a "compulsory" curriculum with vocational and academic aspects.

## Judge upholds Mendis deportation ruling

A High Court judge yesterday refused to grant orders that would prevent the deportation of Viraj Mendis, the Tamil supporter who has sought sanctuary in a church in Manchester to avoid expulsion.

Mr Justice Mann refused to grant Mr Mendis, aged 31, orders quashing deportation decisions made by the Home Secretary in December and the Immigration Appeal Tribunal last July.

He said Mr Mendis, who took refuge in the Church of Ascension, Hulme, following the decision in December, had

now "exhausted the process of appeal".

Mr Mendis claimed that if he was returned to Sri Lanka he would face persecution and possible death.

The judge said it was now up to the Home Secretary to decide what happens to Mr Mendis.

Mr Chris Procter, chairman of a campaign to keep Mr Mendis in this country, said outside the court: "We will be stepping up security at the church. We want to fight for his right to stay and we will employ more forces."

## Pirate radio

## Stations flourish in face of crackdown

By Howard Foster

Independent monitors estimate that there are no fewer than 115 pirate radio stations broadcasting in Britain, with 65 of them operating in London.

In spite of an unprecedented number of raids by the Radio Investigation Service on unlicensed stations last year, the Department of Trade and Industry is fighting an uphill battle to eradicate them.

One station, PCRL in Birmingham, managed to remain on the air after being raided more than 30 times.

In 1986, the inspectors made 218 raids, many repeatedly and with equally little long-term success on 84 un-

licensed stations, including those in London, Merseyside, Sussex, Birmingham, North Wales, Telford, Hertfordshire, Rugby, and Basildon in Essex.

After raids in the London area last December, every station visited by the RIS investigators was back on the air by Christmas Eve.

As recently as last month, the House of Lords decided that records and cassettes, although capable of being described as "apparatus", were not liable to be forfeited under the terms of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949. As a result, a pirate disc jockey in Liverpool was handed back 310 confiscated discs and tapes.

Many of the pirate stations are based on specific ethnic groups. Criticism of the pirates by the BBC relates mainly to the obliteration of the corporation's radio signals. Emergency services and airlines have been affected by the illegal transmissions.

In April this year, reggae music broadcast by a pirate outfit in Brighton, south London, "jammed" signals used to guide aircraft landing at Heathrow airport. Interruptions continued for several months but the station has since been closed.

In 1985, an unlicensed station called Asian Community Entertainment, transmitting from Hornsey, north London, was fined for interrupting

emergency channels for the fire service and Gas Board.

Pirate radio's best known station, Radio Caroline, started broadcasting off the Essex coast in 1964. The station became something of a cause célèbre during the late 1960s when several attempts to close it down were foiled. Eventually it was the weather that forced a temporary shutdown in 1980.

Pirates with radio equipment worth only £2,000 have since set themselves up in dingy bedsits and basements all over the country. Many continue to broadcast despite fines and confiscation of equipment, and the pirate community was encouraged last month by the Law Lords ruling on cassettes and records.

## Husain contacts family of knife raid victim

The Egyptian financier murdered in his Belgrave home was slashed and stabbed as he went to try to rescue his wife from a gang of burglars police said yesterday.

King Husain of Jordan, a family friend, who is currently visiting London privately, has made contact with the family and is believed to have spoken to Scotland Yard.

Ahmed Khalifa, aged 47, died after what one police source yesterday described as a "horrific attack by any stretch of the imagination". He was slashed and stabbed in the body and the face and head by a gang who appeared to be trying to find out how many valuables were in the house in Wilton Crescent.

Miss Clare Short, MP for Birmingham, said yesterday: "I do not welcome such a savage attack but that reveals the need for a more effective police force to protect the public and their property."

She said that some officers in London have been "trained in handling riots, but that training is limited and undertaken only a few officers."

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## Nurses vary

By Jill Sherman

Health care workers in the United States are facing a shortage of nurses, according to a report by the American Nurses Association.

The report, titled "Nursing Shortage: A National Crisis," says that the number of nurses in the United States has declined by 10 percent in the last five years.

The report also says that the shortage of nurses is particularly acute in the field of nursing homes, where the number of nurses has declined by 20 percent in the last five years.

The report calls for a national effort to recruit and train more nurses, and for the government to provide financial support for nursing education.

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# Mistress 'confided suicide intention' to Wood's mother

By Ian Smith

The widowed mother of Ian Wood, the solicitor, told a court yesterday that her son's mistress had repeatedly confided her intention of killing her two young children and then committing suicide.

Mrs Barbara Wood said that Danielle Lloyd was convinced that her estranged husband would physically harm her before snatching her son aged five and that there was no point in living.

"She said she wanted to die but the children must go with her because they all wanted to be together. She must have said this about 10 times."

"She was convinced her husband would never leave her alone and that there was no point in living with that constant fear. I have never seen such sadness or depression. It was overwhelming," Mrs Wood said.

She was giving evidence on the fifth day of the trial of her son, aged 38, who has pleaded guilty to killing Mrs Lloyd's daughter Stephanie, aged two, and attempting to murder her son Christopher with the Enfield revolver used by his father to commit suicide.

Wood, who was secretary of the Sheffield branch of the Law Society and clerk to the Tax Commissioners when the shooting occurred 10 months ago, has denied murdering Mrs Lloyd but admitted her manslaughter.

He claims the couple made a suicide pact and that he was acting out her wishes by shooting her and the two children in the head at their country home in Bradfield, near Sheffield.

Their agreed plan, he says, was that he should then escape to France, light church candles in their memory and then kill himself.

Wood evaded police from three countries for eight days before leaving a suicide note inside Amiens Cathedral and crawling along a power pit 200ft above the cathedral. He clung to the edge of a gargoyle for eight hours before being talked down by two policemen and a priest.

At the trial Wood has also pleaded guilty to stealing £84,000 from clients of the legal practice he established in 1983 and in evidence has admitted juggling the books to hide the theft of between £170,000 and £180,000.

Some of the money he misappropriated belonged to his mother; he also considered shooting her to spare her the shame of living with his crimes.

His mother told the jury of Mrs Lloyd's despair at the conduct of her husband, a



Mrs Barbara Wood after giving evidence yesterday.

secondary school deputy headmaster. She cited one occasion when Mrs Lloyd rang him from Gatwick airport last May to say she was taking the children abroad for a holiday.

"She came back quite hysterical. She told me he had said he would get her when she came back and make her suffer. She said he would never ever leave her alone even though he had found someone else," Mrs Wood said.

Under cross-examination by Mr Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, for the prosecution, she said her son rang her 24 hours after the shooting to explain the suicide pact. Mrs Wood agreed she had not advised Mrs Lloyd to seek medical help but said that was because she was convinced the situation would resolve itself once she married Wood.

Earlier, the court had been told how police telephoned Wood's family doctor last November and expressed deep concern that he had fire arms in his possession.

Dr Alan Wales said he saw Wood on November 11, 1985, when his patient was deeply distressed.

Aware of the family history Dr Wales said he was worried that Wood might commit suicide or harm his wife with one of the guns in his possession.

Cross-examined, Dr Wales said that he believed Wood might shoot his wife or himself and it was for that reason he had prescribed anti-depressant tablets.

The trial continues to-morrow.

## Drums roll for musical world beater



Mr Lou Dias (right), its designer, assembling what is believed to be the world's biggest drum with the help of Mr Frank Cahill, his colleague, at Olympia in London yesterday. The British Music Fair opens to the trade today and Mr Dias spent £5,000 on the 13ft diameter drum, which plays three octaves below middle 'C' (Photograph: Deniz McNeelance).

## Controls urged to cut food poisoning

By Peter Mulligan

A leading environmental health official has called for stricter control of hygiene in restaurants and other food premises to stem the rising incidence of food poisoning.

"Urgent action is needed. In its absence, many thousands of people will become unwell every year. Some of them will die," Mr Eric Foskett, president of the Institution of

Environmental Health Officers, said.

His warning came at yesterday's launch of the institution's annual report, which shows that cases of food poisoning reported to local authorities in England and Wales doubled in the 10 years to 1986.

"In the absence of a registration system, new and potentially dangerous food shops, restaurants and cafes can open

for business without informing the Environmental Health Department," Mr Foskett said.

"It can be months, or even years, before they are inspected."

The institution wants premises preparing food to be registered before they are allowed to open, and it hopes to persuade an MP to introduce a private member's Bill.

It also believes that high risk premises where meat and poultry are prepared should be checked once every three months.

The report shows there were 15,312 food poisoning cases in 1985-86. But the institution believes the real figure, including unreported incidences, could be as high as 1,500,000.

Figures show that about 20 people die each year from food poisoning.

## Nurses' pay may vary by region

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A study into the nurse recruitment crisis may recommend variations in pay for nurses working in different parts of the country.

Regional health authority chairmen have commissioned a detailed survey into geographical variations in recruitment and retention problems which have led to severe nursing shortages in London and some other parts of the country.

The survey, which is being carried out by the management consultants Price Waterhouse, will look at why 30,000 nurses leave the National Health Service each year and why some health authorities have a 25 per cent vacancy level.

Details of a preliminary report received by the chairmen last week have not been published but after a meeting between the chairmen's secretariat and Price Waterhouse yesterday, it became clear that the need for geographical pay differentials will be explored.

Any move to introduce local pay determination would be opposed by the Royal College of Nursing and it is more likely that rates would be imposed nationally for different areas.

Mr David Blythe, principal secretary to the chairmen's secretariat, said: "The preliminary study highlighted a range of factors affecting recruitment including pay, accommodation, work patterns, training and career prospects, working conditions and rising workloads."

The chairmen's inquiry, which is expected to report in October, will complement a study already being carried out by the Department of Health and Social Security into nursing shortages in London alone.

Mr Blythe said once they had received the full report, the chairmen would draw up an action plan with advice from Price Waterhouse which would be sent to managers throughout the country.

## Recorder wins libel damages

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

A crown court recorder won an apology and an "appropriate sum" in damages from the *News of the World* in an agreed settlement over an article suggesting he had been detained by police during a raid on a blue film club.

In a statement read out in open court Lord Hooson, QC, instructed by the libel lawyer Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, said that the newspaper and its publishers accepted that Mr John Jonah Walker-Smith, a barrister, had in fact visited the club solely for "proper professional reasons".

He had gone there, he said, with his instructing solicitor and lay client "solely for the purpose of a professional view of the premises" to assess evidence in connection with a case committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

"No films were being shown while the view was being held and, as soon as their identity and the purpose of their visit were established, the plaintiff together with his instructing solicitor and lay client were permitted to leave with an apology from the police for having been temporarily detained."

The *News of the World* in its issue of September 23, 1984 published on the front page and running on to page two an article headlined in the first edition "Blue Movie Cops Quiz Judge" and sub-titled "Seized in Club Swoop".

The defendants accepted "there was no foundation whatever for any suggestion that the plaintiff was in the club for other than proper professional reasons", Lord Hooson said.

The defendants, Mr Alex Marunchak, a journalist, Mr Nicholas Lloyd, then editor of the *News of the World* and News Group Newspapers, expressed their sincere apologies to Mr Walker-Smith and his family.

## Jaguar takes the buzz out of high-tech cars

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Jaguar owners' affection for polished walnut facias and leather seats apparently does not extend to the electronic instruments in the latest XJ6 model.

The company has admitted the high-tech vacuum fluorescent instruments and sophisticated information and warning displays have not been well received and will be replaced with a more conventional set-up more in keeping with traditional Jaguar style.

Already some of the electronic warning buzzers have been silenced after criticism from owners.

Mr Jim Randle, Jaguar's director of engineering, said

the company had responded to market research which had showed owners did not like the electronic instruments.

The electronic solid state instruments and warning system were developed in conjunction with Loughborough University which carried out extensive trials to determine how best to present information to drivers.

With the rush for the new E registration prefix less than a week away, some would-be Jaguar owners have been told their cars will not be delivered until the F number plate is introduced in August 1988.

Jaguar has delivered 45 per cent more cars this year than in the first six months of 1986.

## 'Train rape trial judges' call

By John Winder

Training courses for judges who try rape cases are being demanded by the group of women Labour MPs who are relaunching their campaign to create a social climate in which women can feel safe from rape.

Miss Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, said yesterday that she accepted that judges would not welcome such a scheme. "They would find it difficult to handle but that reveals their unwillingness to handle rape cases. We see the consequences in the crude and objectionable remarks they make."

She said that some police officers in London had had training in handling rape cases, and interviewing the victims, but that training was limited and undertaken by only a few officers.

Many, perhaps most, victims, could not face the stress of talking to a strange police-

man about what had happened to them. "We have to make the climate right for them to come forward", Miss Short said.

In doing that, she sets considerable store by her intention to reintroduce her Bill to outlaw "Page Three Girls" in order, as she puts it, to reduce the amount of pornography which "litters society".

That Bill found favour with the 120 women from several organizations, including non-political groups such as townswomen's guilds, who attended a recent half-day workshop conference, called by women Labour MPs, on rape.

Women Labour MPs led by Miss Jo Richardson, Opposition spokeswoman for women, are working through the volume of suggestions and complaints made at the conference.

A summary reported a strong feeling among those attending that, since the new Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) took over, fewer people were being prosecuted in court for rape and that the criteria for what constituted rape were too weak.

Yesterday the CPS could provide no information to refute that allegation and said it had, as yet, no statistics on its first months of operation.

The conference called for a minimum sentence for rape; for 24-hour telephone lines operated by women police officers trained for the task and for women to have a right to see a woman police surgeon or general practitioner.

It also demanded the appointment of more women judges and for rape within marriage to be made a criminal offence.

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# Army manoeuvres upset islanders on peaceful Mull

By Kerry Gill

The Ministry of Defence has been asked to explain why people on the island of Mull were not forewarned of a 10-day Army exercise and why some of them were terrified during the manoeuvres.

Mrs Ray Michie, the newly elected Liberal MP for Argyll and Bute, said yesterday that she had written to Mr Ian Stewart, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, after complaints about the Army's behaviour on the Inner Hebridean island, off the west coast of Scotland.

The exercise, which took place earlier this month, involved the 1st Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, usually based at Aldershot.

Army headquarters in Edinburgh have already received another complaint from the local community council because it was not officially informed of the exercise.

Mrs Susan Parsons, of Salen, on Mull, said they were given no proper warning by the Army. She also criticized the soldiers' behaviour.

She said rifles had been pointed at villagers, cars and houses "ambushed" and children were terrified to go to

school after seeing soldiers crawling along roads and advancing through fields.

Mrs Parsons who, with her husband runs a seven-acre croft, said one night the family was woken by the sudden noise of machine-gun fire and what appeared to be grenade and mortar explosions.

Her son Fergus, aged two and a half, had already been "scared stiff" by low flying helicopters during an earlier Army exercise last month.

Mr Nick Holmes, a photographer, of Aros Mains, Mull, whose wife Linda suffers from a viral complaint and needs a great deal of rest, said: "There was no notification by the Army about an exercise around here."

"We live about 200 yards from what appeared to be the target area. One night there was a burst of gunfire at about 1.30 am followed by noises of machinery."

"Then, at about 3.45 all hell broke loose with automatic firing and grenade type explosions. The next-door neighbour's two children were also badly frightened."

Among complaints levelled

at the Army are that troops mingled with locals with their rifles unslung, marched through crops and continually fired blanks next to houses.

"Is the Army so above the law that it can frighten, anger, alarm and annoy the people it is meant to protect and whose taxes pay its wages?" Mrs Parsons asked.

An Army spokesman said that about 80,000 troops trained in Scotland each year, many of them on Mull.

Firing at night, he said, would be "intense", but would only last five or six minutes. On the night in question it had been a simulated attack by a platoon.

He said the commanding officer had written to the local monthly newspaper on Mull apologizing to anyone who had been alarmed.

Mull is known by the Army as the "officers' mess" due to the number of retired army officers living there.

An amphibious exercise is planned to take place in south-west Scotland this autumn. It is believed to be bigger than anything undertaken since the Suez landings in 1956.

# Racers challenge the rapids in rafts



Oarsmen demonstrating white water rafting at the National Water Sport Centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, yesterday. It is the first time the sport has been seen in Britain and in the autumn teams from 12 towns will race in the Heineken White Water Challenge at Nottingham and on Bala and Llangollen lakes in north Wales. (Photograph: Rob Rathbone)

# Postal services unable to save the village store

By Tim Jones

Onion Saturday finally convinced Mr Tom Wrightson that his dream of running a sub-post office and village shop could not be sustained.

He remembers it well for it was almost 8 pm and he and his wife Hilary, were about to close their store in the village of Inkpen, Berkshire.

Suddenly, a woman dashed

in and said that during her weekly shopping expedition to the supermarket in Newbury, near by, she had forgotten to buy two onions and could she please have them.

Unlike Martha Woodford, the gossip-motivated sub-postmistress of *The Archers*, the Wrightsons had no wealthy benefactor in the form of Jack Woolley to support them. Two forgotten onions

hardly paid for their overheads.

The onion incident neatly

encapsulates the crisis facing rural sub-post offices and the village stores to which they are inevitably linked.

The sub-post office, essential to pensioners who have no car and who often live in villages without public transport, is increasingly under

threat. In 1985-86, some 97 of them closed and last year 50 more suffered the same fate.

In many instances, the Post

Office is losing money when it pays the minimum of £2,433 a year to a full-time sub-postmaster but to combat the run of closures and to fulfil its statutory social obligation, it is seeking to establish part-time offices.

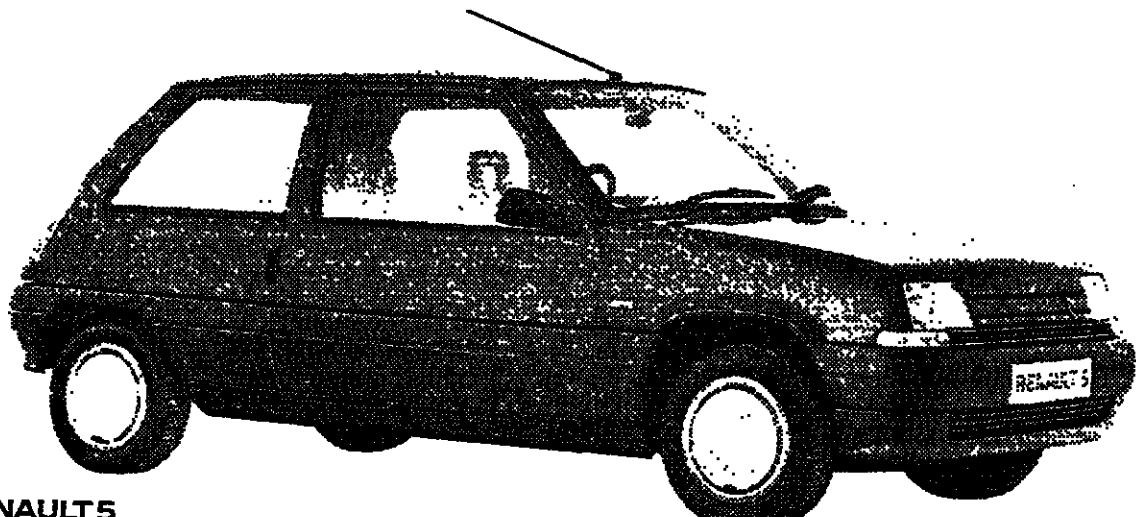
Mr Wrightson, who is now

trying to sell his store, said he received less than £5,000 a year from the Post Office.

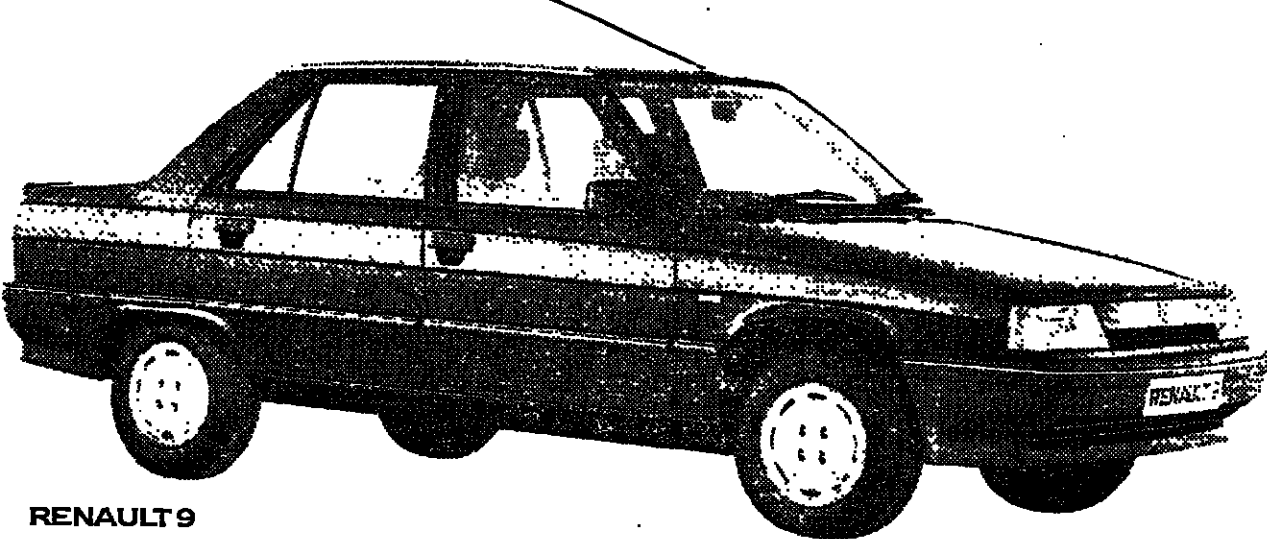
"Towards the end, I was

putting my own money into the business in order to keep afloat... my advice to any one thinking of running a sub-post office and village store is to regard it only as an experiment that can support one partner."

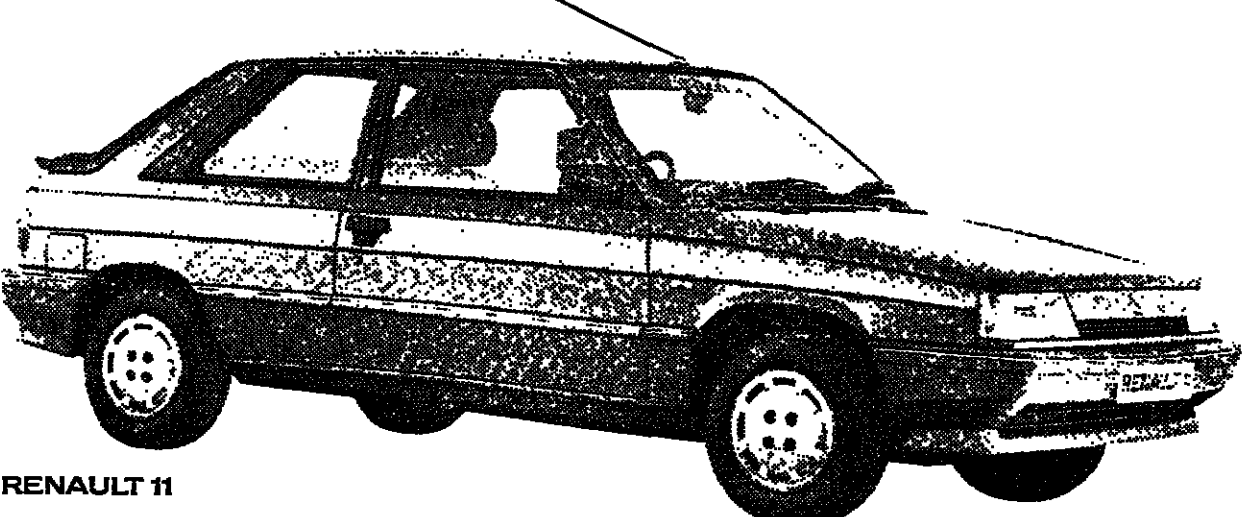
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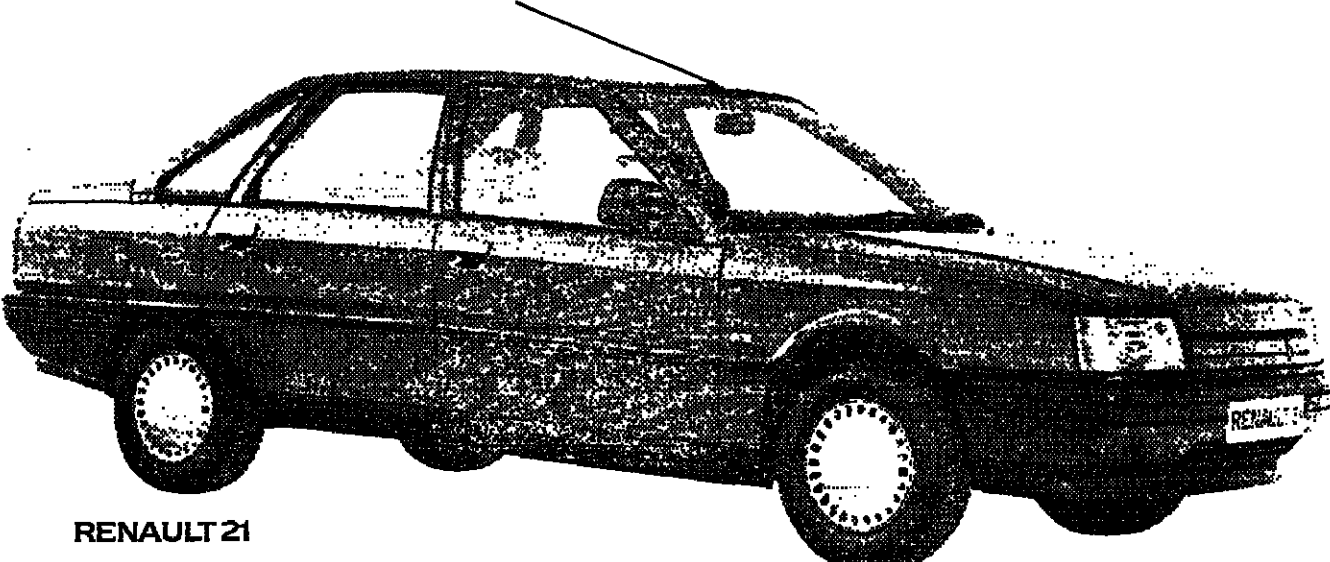
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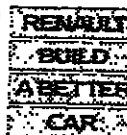
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CUSTOMER SAVING compared to the credit providers' normal 11% p.a. flat interest rate (APR 21.6%)	£814.32
*Weekly Equivalent	£27.60

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Cash Price**	£6,100.00
30% Deposit	£1,830.00
To be Financed	£4,270.00
Finance Charges	£506.12
36 Monthly payments of*	£132.67
Total Credit Price***	£6,615.12
CUSTOMER SAVING compared to the credit providers' normal 11% p.a. flat interest rate (APR 21.6%)	£902.88
*Weekly Equivalent	£30.62

## TYPICAL EXAMPLE RENAULT 11 TC - 3 Door

Cash Price**	£5,910.00
30% Deposit	£1,773.00
To be Financed	£4,137.00
Finance Charges	£490.08
36 Monthly payments of*	£128.53
Total Credit Price***	£6,409.08
CUSTOMER SAVING compared to the credit providers' normal 11% p.a. flat interest rate (APR 21.6%)	£873.16
*Weekly Equivalent	£29.66

## TYPICAL EXAMPLE RENAULT 21 TL - 4 Door

Cash Price**	£7,510.00
30% Deposit	£2,253.00
To be Financed	£5,257.00
Finance Charges	£622.88
36 Monthly payments of*	£153.33
Total Credit Price***	£8,141.88
CUSTOMER SAVING compared to the credit providers' normal 11% p.a. flat interest rate (APR 21.6%)	£1,112.04
*Weekly Equivalent	£37.69

\*\*Includes option fee (£89) \*\*\*Includes estimated on the road costs.

# Move for abuse row children

Three children alleged to have been sexually abused while in council care in Cleveland have been moved to a hospital ward, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Paddy McCarthy, solicitor for the children's parents, said the move came after his accusation that the county's social services department was operating "double standards".

His charge came after it was found that the two girls, aged seven and five, were removed to a children's home and their brother, aged two, remained in the foster home where they were when the abuses were alleged to have occurred.

Children believed to have been abused by their natural parents were automatically taken from them, Mr McCarthy said.

Mr McCarthy said he was taking steps to have the children made wards of court, with the agreement of all parties. If that happened it would result in a High Court decision about their future.

A judge will rule later this week whether children from two families at the centre of the controversy should remain in the care of the social services.

Mr Justice Hollis yesterday finished hearing nearly six days of evidence at the High Court in Leeds in two cases where parents are challenging care orders, made after the children were alleged to have suffered sexual abuse.

The judge is due to deliver his judgement on Thursday.

One of the paediatricians who developed the controversial diagnostic system at the heart of the Cleveland dispute is to talk on abuse at a conference of 500 experts.

Dr Jane Wynn will speak on Friday on child sexual abuse, at a conference on foster care which started in Leeds yesterday.

An MP who has repeatedly criticized the actions of social workers and paediatricians during the controversy was told yesterday by Labour colleagues to keep quiet now a judicial inquiry is to be held.

The plea to Mr Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, came from Mr Frank Cook (Stockton North), Mr Edward Leach (Hartlepool) and Miss Marjorie Mowlem (Redcar).

Mr Bell said yesterday that he would disregard their call.

# Robber 'to blame' for shot son

By Craig Seton

A convicted robber is to be told he will not receive damages for distress caused by the death of his son aged five because he was to blame for the police raid in which the boy was shot dead.

John Shorthouse, aged 27, is serving a five-year sentence for his part in an armed robbery in South Wales two years ago. While police were hunting for him, Police Constable Brian Chester accidentally shot Shorthouse's son through the heart at the family's home in Birmingham.

The police marksman, now a sergeant, was later cleared of manslaughter.

Shorthouse and his wife, Jacqueline, are claiming damages from the police authority for "shock" and "distress" caused to them and their other two sons by the death.

The family has already received £3,500 compensation, the maximum allowed under the Fatal Accidents Act.

Mr John Corwell, the family's solicitor, said yesterday: "The authority has told us it is not prepared to pay any damages to Mr Shorthouse because of the circumstances of the case. Any payment will be for Mrs Shorthouse and her children."

"The claim is still being pursued."

The family's claim is understood to be for about £15,000.

# Man charged with £10m cocaine plot

There was tight security at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in central London yesterday when a man extradited from the United States was accused of a £10 million conspiracy involving cocaine.

John O'Boyle, aged 48, an equipment dealer, of Michigan, was charged of conspiring with David Wesley Medlin to import cocaine.

Mr O'Boyle is further charged under the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1979, with being concerned in the illegal importation of cocaine and with having the drug with intent to supply, between December 1 and January 30. He was remanded in custody.

# Horizons open on kidney failure

By Thomson Prestice, Science Correspondent

Advances in research are offering hope to sufferers of kidney disease, an international conference of specialists was told yesterday.

Some forms of kidney failure may soon be preventable through early detection and treatment. But a disastrous shortage of donor organs underlines the need for alternatives to transplant surgery.

Kidney failure, which affects one third of insulin-dependent diabetics, may be preventable in the near future, according to Dr Gian Viberi, of Guy's and St Thomas's medical school, London.

More than 2,000 delegates attending an international conference in London were told of planned research into how diet can be used to delay or prevent kidney failure.

Britain is facing a drop of between 13 and 25 per cent in the number of kidneys avail-

able for transplant this year. More than 3,500 people are now waiting for a transplant, a record total.

Dr Tony Wing, a consultant physician and specialist in kidney diseases at St Thomas's Hospital, London, said: "The situation is disastrous and we can only hope for more support from the public and the medical profession."

New guidelines which may help hospital doctors and relatives of brain-dead patients to discuss organ donation are being drafted.

Sir Douglas Black, former president of the Royal College of Physicians, said: "It is a more complex question than one of simply money or resources."

Improvements in care and treatment, the training of more staff and more efficient use of dialysis equipment was also needed, he said.

# Explan cut power

By Peter Evans, H

The Government is making a major decision on power cuts. The provision of electricity is to be cut in some areas to save the country from a power crisis.

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## Extra jails planned to cut risk of powderkeg

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is intending to increase its prison building programme. The provision of at least 10 extra jails is being seriously considered on top of the 17 in the pipeline.

How many the Government can construct will depend partly on the opposition to a prison becoming a new neighbour.

It was plain yesterday that measures already announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, are not thought to go far enough, particularly in dealing with underlying causes of tension in jails.

Similar conclusions could be drawn from the annual reports of Boards of Visitors, official watchdogs of the prison system, surveyed in *The Times* yesterday.

Dr Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said yesterday that even when the new rules governing remission were implemented, giving 3,500 prisoners earlier release, there would still be 4,000 more inmates in the system than three years ago.

The number of hours spent in prison workshops had fallen by 60 per cent over the past 10 years, although the prison population had increased from an average of 41,570 in 1977 to more than 51,000.

Demands on staff were heightened by the extra visits and escorts that arose from an increased remand population. Ninety per cent of the rise in the prison population between 1980 and 1986 was accounted for by the increase in the numbers on remand.

The dangers facing the prison system were highlighted by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, in a report that had little attention because it was released at the same time as Mr Hurd announced his plans to solve the crisis.

Sir James's report, which was on prison disturbances last year, criticized the effects government policy had on staffing.

He said: "Not enough was known about the real needs of establishments for a cash limit to be a safe method of approach".

The report also voices concern about the mix of population.

Sir James writes: "Another factor contributing to the general instability was the unsuitability of prisoners for the prisons to which they had been allocated".

The Prison Officers' Association said yesterday that putting violent prisoners into relaxed regimes could cause trouble.

Mr Phil Hornsby, assistant secretary, said: "We would support almost everything the boards are saying. They reflect the concern we have expressed for a long time."

"Drugs are a serious problem; we don't believe the Prison Department attaches the importance to the problem that it ought to."

"Our belief, based on information received from members, is that more than half the prison population is now involved in one way or another with drug abuse."

Referring to the Chief Inspector's report, Mr Hornsby said that cash limits continued to give problems in providing inmates with the facilities and regimes to which they were entitled.

The prison governors' branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants said of publicity given to Boards' reports: "There is little point in having watchdogs unless they have some kind of teeth."

Mr John Dovell, branch secretary, said, however, the governor had suggested that the population be reduced by 5,000 rather than the 3,500 who would be granted early release under new remission plans.

About 750 life sentence prisoners are to have times fixed for the first review of a release on licence, after a change in the procedures announced by Mr Hurd (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

At present such prisoners have to wait three or four years before the first review is fixed. But from October 1, the times are to be set as soon as their trial has ended. In the meantime all life prisoners with no review fixed are to be given one.

The change is being made in the wake of a High Court ruling last March in which three judges criticized the Government's present policy of delaying the setting of the review for three to four years.

Brian Handscomb, a prisoner who brought the case to court, said the policy meant he served more than the maximum fixed term for his offence.

In a parliamentary written answer Mr Hurd has said that from now on, all life sentence prisoners will be given a time for the first review of their release date immediately after their trial.

Although the court ruling only applied to prisoners serving discretionary life sentences, the Home Secretary is also applying the change to those serving mandatory life sentences for murder.

## Puppeteer's pupil pleased as Punch



Robert Carr, aged 13, of Pelton Fell, Co Durham, who has just become what is believed to be the youngest Punch and Judy man in the country, with some of his 14 puppets. The boy was given the puppets and a booth by Mr Ernie Beadle, a Punch and Judy man for 15 years, who he often helped. Mr Beadle, aged 59, of Chester le Street, retired due to ill health.

## Soldiers jailed for arms theft

Two paratroopers were jailed at Winchester Crown Court yesterday in connection with arms thefts from barracks at Aldershot, Hampshire.

Peter Seymour, aged 30, a former private, of Tamworth, Staffordshire, was jailed for four years after being found

guilty of stealing ammunition, plastic explosives, mines, detonators, fuses and booby traps between 1983 and 86.

Yesterday he pleaded guilty to burgling the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment barracks store and taking 19 image intensifiers worth almost

£60,000. Corporal Neil Dance, aged 26, of Aldershot, who admitted handling the image intensifiers, was sentenced to 15 months.

Seymour had claimed that he did not intend to sell any of the equipment to criminals or terrorist organizations.

## Parks oppose use of limestone in halting acid rain

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The trouble with conservation is that it throws up so many paradoxes. Save the seals and fish stocks are wiped out and fishermen put out of business; plant trees on open hillsides and the rambles are immediately up in arms; cosses, spinnies and badges are preserved, and chemical sprays eschewed, in order to raise more game birds for the guns.

The latest controversy is about reducing the environmentalists' biggest bogey, acid rain.

The Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), under pressure to eliminate sulphur dioxide emissions from power stations, has decided that can best be achieved by treatment with limestone gypsum.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England views the whole idea with horror. According to Colonel Gerald Haythornwaite, secretary of the council's Sheffield and Peak District branch, that will involve massive excavation within two national parks, the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District.

Col Haythornwaite favours an alternative process called Wellman Lord, which involves the use of natural gas as a reducing agent. Although it is more expensive and less

convenient, he argues that it should be adopted to protect the parks.

His is not the only voice of protest. The first plant scheduled to be modified is the Drax power station at Selby, North Yorkshire, and the most obvious source of limestone is Ribbleshead, in the Yorkshire Dales.

ARC Ltd is bidding to supply up to 350,000 tonnes a year from Ribbleshead and as much as 1.2 million tonnes if two other stations are included in the programme.

The material would be transported by the Settle-Carlisle line, which has become a cause célèbre among railways enthusiasts because its future is threatened.

Although the limestone contract would help to ensure the line's survival, and while British Rail is prepared to quote rates for delivery, the Council for National Parks claims that the line is not suitable for freight.

Mr David Singleton, a director of ARC, points out that the line was used to transport up to 210,000 tonnes of rail ballast a year between 1976 and 1986. "We are ready to resume use of the line whenever British Rail or the CEGB place orders for material", he says.

### Inner city revival

## Vietnamese group given a head start

By Paul Eastham

Nine years after being cast adrift virtually penniless off war-torn North Vietnam, the family of two brothers, Michael and Minh Duong, are set to be among the first beneficiaries of the Government's inner-city initiative in Peckham, south London.

In 1978 the seven-strong Duong family abandoned their home, furniture, restaurant and frozen food business worth £30,000 in North Vietnam's second city, Hai Phong.

Picked up from a fishing boat by a Hong Kong government ship, the family, by then numbering 15, eventually fled to a new life in two council flats in Hopwood Road, Camberwell, south London.

Hampered by poor English, they survived on social security, apart from short spells in work.

The Duong brothers have now graduated with six other Vietnamese from a 10-week "Head Start" course run at a former Peckham school by the independent Industrial Society to help them set up in business.

The £13,000 cost of the course, translating teaching aids and providing an interpreter was paid for by North Peckham Task Force, a government body set up 14 months ago to help create jobs in the deprived area of south London. A community of 3,000 Vietnamese has gathered there but 75 per cent are jobless.

Before taking the Head Start course, Michael Duong, aged 27, and Minh, aged 29, had received a good reaction from potential restaurant and supermarket customers to their sample range of Vietnamese pancakes, dumplings and spring rolls, which they made at home.

Now they hope to open a

frozen food business and are talking to Southwark Council about finding premises where they could employ four brothers and a sister.

Minh said: "Running a business in Vietnam is so simple. The taxman comes every quarter to collect the same tax no matter what profit you make. In Britain you have to report much more. We are pleased and thankful for 'Head Start' and the Task Force."

Six other Vietnamese in their 20s and 30s received certificates for completing the first "Head Start" course run for an ethnic minority. Three other courses have been run in London since 1982, training 80 mainly jobless people to start companies, paid for by the Abbey National Building Society, Touche Ross and Wellcome, the pharmaceutical company.

From the Peckham course, Ms Rowena Wong aims to set up a Vietnamese ladies' fashion business; Mr Dieu Lam, a Vietnamese and Chinese take-away; Ms Cecelia Hoang already produces a Vietnamese-language glossy women's magazine; Mr Cuong Cau, a Chinese restaurant in Cambridge; Mr Tuyet Hoang, a newspaper's selling Vietnamese papers, videos and music tapes; and Mr Ngoc Linh Le, a Vietnamese tea-room-social club called a Phong Tra, in Peckham. All ran similar businesses in Vietnam.

Lecturers were provided by Industrial Society members and trainees were told how to find customers and premises and price their goods. They also learnt about business law and insurance.

Each new company has been allocated a working company "boss" to guide them through the first year's trading.

## (As you suspected, the cost of sending a Telex is huge.)

In a recent research programme, 104 businessmen were asked the six million dollar question.

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While around a quarter of the group vastly over-estimated ("£1.50?", "£2.40?", "Well, it's a second mortgage job, isn't it?"), nine on half couldn't even begin

to hazard a guess. Hardly surprising then, that when the true cost was revealed, 85 per cent just about fell off their chair.

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## Israelis kill seven in Sidon invasion

Beirut — Israeli commandos landed missile boats on the shores of the south Lebanese town of Sidon under the cover of night on Sunday and killed seven Lebanese Sunni Muslim militiamen (A Correspondent writes). They failed, however, to reach Palestinian guerrillas further inland who were believed to be the target of the attack.

It was the first such attack on Lebanon since the Israeli invasion of the country in 1982. The gunmen killed belonged to the Nasserite Popular Liberation Army, the strongest Lebanese militia in Sidon, which has a few hundred gunmen strongly allied to the Palestinian factions.

There were no Israeli casualties in the 15-minute clash with rockets and machine gun fire between the commandos and surviving PLA militiamen.

● New York — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, yesterday recommended a further six-month renewal of the mandate of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil), until January 31, 1988.

## Tartars lift protest Fedorenko executed

Moscow — Crimean Tartars who were promised a meeting with President Gromyko in return for ending a demonstration in Moscow's Red Square had vanished from the streets yesterday amid unconfirmed reports that their meeting had been postponed (Mary Dejevsky writes). Some of the reports said, however, that a delegation of about 18 Tartars had gone to the President's office in the Kremlin.

The Tartars are demanding the right to return to their former homeland in the Crimea and the restoration of their autonomous republic. Their homeland has been absorbed into the Ukraine; any territorial concessions to the Tartars would risk alienating the more numerous Ukrainians.

## Bodies found in Alps

Bellinzona, Switzerland (Reuters) — Rescue workers found five bodies yesterday in the wreckage of a light aircraft which disappeared over the Swiss Alps 10 days ago.

The Cessna aircraft was being flown from Switzerland to the Italian island of Elba with five people on board when it disappeared on July 17. Bad weather in the region had hampered search and rescue efforts. A second aircraft, with two people on board, is still missing after disappearing in the same area on July 19 on a flight from West Germany to the Swiss town of Lugano.

## US talks in Ankara Fiji years of tension

Ankara (Reuters) — Mr Michael Armacost, the US Assistant Secretary of State, yesterday began two days of talks with Turkish officials expected to centre on strains over security ties.

Officials said that he met the Foreign Minister, Mr Vahit Halefoglu, and is due to see the Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, today. They said that an important topic was likely to be the agreement under which the US is given base facilities in return for aid to Turkey. Ankara has refused to ratify terms for its extension because of proposed aid cuts.

## Charms that failed

Dhaka — Police arrested nine snake charmers in eastern Bangladesh for releasing poisonous cobras in a village to terrorize the people after being refused a dozen rams as a sacrifice to the snake goddess, Monisha (Ahmed Fazi writes).

Authorities said that villagers in Noakhali district fled from their homes in panic on Sunday when the cobras were set free by the snake charmers, who had promised to rid the village of the goddess's "curse".

# Meese to face Congress over 'bungled' inquiry

From Michael Binyon Washington

Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General who headed the initial White House inquiry into the Iran arms diversion last November, will face sharp questioning when he begins his testimony to the congressional investigating committee today.

At issue is his handling of the investigation, which some committee members say was so bungled that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North was able to shred vital documents even as Justice Department officials were sitting in his office.

Mr Meese will be asked why he did not call in the FBI on November 21, when President Reagan asked him to carry out

an inquiry; why he gave Colonel North and Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, plenty of time to destroy evidence; why he never questioned Admiral Poindexter more thoroughly about his role in the affair; and why he relied on Colonel North's assertion that only he, Admiral Poindexter and Mr Robert McFarlane, the previous National Security Adviser, were aware of the diversion of funds.

There are strong suspicions among some committee members that Mr Meese was in fact part of an attempted cover-up, and that his main concern was to protect President Reagan.

Colonel North has already

testified that Mr Meese was present at a meeting where the scandal broke where senior White House aides discussed a false chronology that would be presented to Congress. Newly released notes from a White House meeting on November 10 chaired by President Reagan — before Mr Meese's inquiry — show that the Attorney General agreed with the President's calls for concealment of information. Mr Reagan said: "We don't talk Tows (missiles). Don't talk specifics."

The committee will focus on the four crucial days after November 21, when Mr Meese began his inquiry, which he contends was a "fact-finding mission", not a criminal inquiry. He interviewed

each of the President's top aides to reconcile discrepancies in their accounts.

On November 22, he inadvertently tipped off Colonel North when he told him that a memorandum had been found in his office on the diversion of funds. He reported that Colonel North was "visibly shaken". But by not sealing off his office or calling in the FBI, he gave the National Security Council aide three more days to shred his files.

Mr Meese will also be asked about a telephone conversation between Admiral Poindexter and the late William Casey, the former CIA director, in which the admiral said that Mr Meese had offered to be "helpful" to those involved

in the affair. The conversation was secretly taped by the CIA.

Mr Meese, aged 55, is a former prosecutor in California who has worked with President Reagan for 20 years. He was appointed Attorney General during Mr Reagan's second term.

In this post he was deeply involved in helping the President pursue the Iran initiative. He issued a ruling, since denounced as very questionable, that Mr Reagan's oral approval on August 6, 1985, of the Israeli arms shipment to Iran was as good as a written "finding", or presidential decision required for covert operations. He also helped draw up the subsequent findings that set out the motives for the operation.

He is likely to be asked also whether he ever gave a legal opinion on whether the two-year congressional ban on aid to the Contras applied to the NSC. If he did not, Congress will want to know why not.

Congress has expressed scepticism about his seemingly contradictory role as a participant and investigator in the affair.

Mr Meese is already under a legal cloud over his alleged financial links with Wedtech, a scandal-ridden defence contractor. A special prosecutor is investigating accusations of improper contact with the firm from which he might have benefited financially, and of not disqualifying himself from earlier investigations of Wedtech.

## Moscow insists concessions on missiles will not weaken it

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

General Dmitry Yazov, the new Soviet Defence Minister, yesterday strongly rejected speculation that the Soviet arms concession on medium-range missiles in Asia would weaken national security.

In a long article in *Pravda*, General Yazov said all speculation that aggression could be perpetrated against the Soviet Union with impunity was unfounded.

The Soviet Union, he said, was "closely watching the military preparations of the United States and Nato, assessing them correctly and taking care that the Soviet Union's defence capacity developed correspondingly".

General Yazov also warned the West against interpreting "isolated instances of unpreparedness" in Soviet air defences as evidence of weakness in the Soviet Air Force.

"I shall say directly we would not advise anyone to test our strength. Our response to any provocation is the defensive strength of the Warsaw Pact, heightened vigilance and preparedness."

He said the Soviet Union was ready and able to take the necessary military decisions at any time and in any circumstances.

The general's strongly worded article is the latest sign of concern in the Soviet leadership that its concession on missiles in Asia is being interpreted as evidence of weakness.

Within two days of the initiative's being announced, Moscow conducted another underground nuclear test, published a formal Foreign Ministry statement attacking the new US radar station in Greenland as a violation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, and told West German authorities that Herr Matthias Rust, the young West German who landed his light aircraft in Red Square, would have to stand trial.

● LONDON: Senior government officials believe an East-West compromise on the

future of West Germany's Pershing 1A missiles is in the making (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). It is hoped that Moscow will accept Bonn's refusal to part with the elderly weapons, subject to an agreement not to modernize or upgrade them.

The 76 shorter-range Pershings, which are nearing the end of their serviceable life, have emerged as the chief obstacle to an East-West treaty to eliminate medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

It is understood that there will be discussions between Bonn and Washington, other than in a Nato forum. The Government remains optimistic that the difficulty will be overcome in time for an overall agreement to be reached by the end of the year.

In Washington, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said that the US would not be negotiated away at the Geneva talks. "The German Pershings are not on the table", he said.

He added that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, had given prior assurances to President Reagan that the Soviet Union would not try to eliminate weapons belonging to other countries.

● Nato talks: The West yesterday presented its proposals for talks aimed at reducing conventional forces in Central Europe.

The main point of difference between the Nato draft and a Soviet proposal made on June 22 is that the West wants the talks to be confined to conventional forces and Moscow wishes to include short-range nuclear weapons.

The 16-nation alliance feels that nuclear weapons should be left to East-West talks in Geneva.

A further difference is that the Soviet Union envisages all 35 signatories of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe taking part, while Nato feels this would be unwieldy.

## Lange promises voters more reforms



Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, launching his Labour Party's campaign in New Zealand's general election, one week behind the Opposition, with a rally in Christchurch yesterday.

He urged voters to forget the pain of his Government's economic restructuring programme and back him in next month's ballot so that the reforms could be completed (Richard Long writes from Wellington). "We have seen the pain, we have seen people struggle, but we will see

it through," Mr Lange told the audience of 2,500.

Mr Lange won loud applause when he mentioned his Government's anti-nuclear policies, which have led to New Zealand's effective suspension from the Anzus alliance with the United States and Australia. "We are going to see a country which can be proud and independent and nuclear-free," he said.

Mr Lange's Government has in three years removed the raft of regulations,

controls and subsidies which made the New Zealand economy one of the most tightly regulated outside the Eastern bloc. The dollar has been floated, the first steps taken towards the privatization of state-owned enterprises, and the banking system and internal air services opened to international competition. In New Zealand's short three-year election cycle this has meant that the Government is heading for the polls at a time of record inflation and unemployment.

## Inquiry into Indian corruption

## Gandhi accused of arranging cover-up

From Gavin Bell Delhi

Suspensions of improper conduct by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, have deepened with allegations by an American criminal investigator that he is perpetuating a cover-up of corruption in his Government.

Mr Michael Hershman, president of the Washington-based Fairfax group which was hired last year by the Indian Finance Ministry to investigate international deals by Indian officials and businessmen, claimed that an

Indian Government commission formed subsequently had tried to curtail his investigation.

Mr V.P. Singh, the Finance Minister, and Mr Bhure Lal, his director of enforcement, were removed from their posts shortly after Mr Singh instituted the inquiry. The Fairfax contract was then terminated.

In a newspaper interview published yesterday, Mr Hershman said: "It has been my position since the beginning that the commission was constituted to help Mr Gandhi

avoid dealing with the issues of corruption in his Government... We have a strong conviction that the commission is part of a cover-up that is being perpetuated, or forced, by Mr Gandhi."

Mr Hershman said his group had collected information indicating large-scale corruption in Mr Gandhi's administration. "Once it became known we were on the verge of substantiating that information, action was taken within the Gandhi administration to curtail the investigation."

He claimed he knew of a number of approaches made to American firms doing business with India to make a "contribution" of 5 per cent of the value of their pending contracts to "offshore welfare funds". His group had also traced tens of millions of dollars in Swiss bank accounts belonging to Indian officials.

Mr Gandhi yesterday told leaders of his ruling Congress (I) Party that his Government had no intention of suppressing or covering up any information on recent defence contracts.

## Typhoon Alex wrecks trail of havoc

Seoul (AFP) — President Chun Doo Hwan ordered all civil servants and the military to take part in flood relief as landslides swamped houses after heavy overnight rain, killing 70 people and injuring 40 in the Seoul-Incheon area.

Another 10 people were listed as missing and feared dead as rescue workers cleared away rocks and mud, officials said. About 7,000 houses were inundated, but 58,000 people were taken to safety.

In Seoul, 11 in. of rain fell in 24 hours. The port city of Incheon, 19 miles to the west, had 14 in. The busy Seoul-Incheon railway service was suspended and Seoul's underground rail service was cut with areas near the Han River knee-deep in water.

In the Yongdongpo industrial zone, between the two cities, floods forced about 160 factories to stop work.

State-run radio and television suspended regular programmes to broadcast the latest news of the flooding. The local Han River was rising dangerously, with upstream hydroelectric dams opening their gates to lower



Koreans struggling through thigh-deep muddy floodwaters in the streets of Seoul yesterday.

Water levels, city authorities said.

The weather bureau warned of further rain as Typhoon Alex, moving north from Taiwan, was expected to reach the southernmost island province of Cheju-do this morning.

The flood in Seoul came five days after the country's

central region, about 80 miles to the south, was hit by record rainfall which left more than 150 people dead.

● Taipei: Typhoon Alex battered Taiwan on Sunday and early yesterday, killing one person and disrupting air and train travel before heading towards south-eastern

China. Police and weathermen said (AP reports).

● Tehran deaths: Scores of people were killed or injured in Tehran rainstorms, Iran's national news agency, Ima, said (Reuters reports). Torrential rain also hit Arak city, south-west of Tehran, killing or injuring 55 people.

## Tamil Tigers dismiss peace deal as betrayal by Delhi

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

The main Tamil guerrilla group in Sri Lanka has rejected the agreement aimed at ending ethnic strife in the country which is to be signed in Colombo tomorrow, and vowed to continue the campaign for a separate Tamil state in the north of the island.

Mr Velupillai Prabhakaran, the military commander of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, last night dismissed the proposed settlement as an "act of betrayal" by India's Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

"It appears now that we are being walked into a trap. We are in the Indian Government's hands," he said. Asked about the group's future plans, he said: "We will continue our armed struggle to liberate the Tamils from the yoke of Sri Lankan tyranny." He added that the Tigers, until now fighting only the Sri Lankan Army, might in future also have to face Indian forces.

Three smaller guerrilla

groups are also opposing the accord, leaving the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front the only one to give its conditional approval.

Rejection by the Tigers has in effect destroyed the settlement before it is even signed, raising the prospect of renewed hostilities and putting India, the champion of Tamil aspirations in Sri Lanka throughout the four-year-old civil war, in a difficult position.

● COLOMBO: According to government sources, there were stormy scenes at the Cabinet meeting here during which the Prime Minister, Mr Ransinghe Premadasa, who was not in Sri Lanka when the settlement was arranged, yesterday expressed his strong reservations about the proposals to end the island's ethnic conflict (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The Prime Minister apparently said that he did not wish to be a party to it, the sources said. Two other ministers are

said also to have spoken against the proposals.

In spite of these objections, the Cabinet is understood to have agreed to give President Jayewardene a free hand to decide on the issue. The agreement calls for the amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern provinces into one area which would be mainly inhabited by Tamil-speaking people.

India's High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mr J.N. Dixit, who was instrumental in working out the agreement, returned to Sri Lanka from Delhi yesterday after discussions with Tamil guerrilla groups there. He was meeting President Jayewardene last night.

Meanwhile, opposition to the peace plan continues to grow. Police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse a crowd of about 1,000 at Ampara in the Eastern province. The demonstrators included about 100 Buddhist monks.

## Bonn move to end row with Iraq

From John England Bonn

The West Germans moved yesterday to head off a crisis with Iraq after Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, raised its ire on Friday by accusing it of starting the Gulf war and of using poison gas.

Herr Jürgen Rüfus, State Secretary in the Foreign Ministry, assured Mr Abdurazak Kassem al-Hassani, the Iraqi Ambassador to Bonn, that West Germany was neutral in the Gulf conflict and supported examination of the "war guilt" question by an independent body, whose findings it would respect.

He told the ambassador that Herr Genscher had not made an objective evaluation of the war's causes and Bonn had made no statement as to who was responsible for the conflict.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two also discussed a possible new meeting of their countries' foreign ministers, following yesterday's cancellation by Iraq of bilateral economic talks due in Bonn early next month. A long-standing invitation to Herr Genscher to visit Baghdad remained open.

But Baghdad also broke off talks yesterday with several West German firms on large-scale development projects.

As the row simmered, Herr Genscher came in for sharp criticism from the semi-official *Frankfurter Allgemeine* press.

The row began on Friday when Herr Genscher identified Iraq as the aggressor in the Gulf war, only a day after Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, visited Bonn.

## Black leader's murder 'had all the signs of an execution'

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A black official of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa, which organized the meeting earlier this month in Senegal between about sixty South African whites and exiled leaders of the outlawed African National Congress, has been found stabbed to death.

The body of Mr Eric Mntonga, who was in his mid-thirties, was discovered in his car, which had been abandoned beside a stream some way from a lonely road near King William's Town in the Eastern Cape and just inside the

boundaries of the Ciskei tribal homeland.

"The police told me they found Eric sitting in the back seat of the car with his hands tied behind his back. There was one stab wound below his left armpit," the dead man's father, Mr Norman Mntonga, said yesterday. The assumption is that his son was killed elsewhere and his body dumped where it was found.

Dr Alex Boraine, one of the two co-founders of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa and formerly an opposition member of Parliament, said that Mr Mntonga's murder had "all the

overtones of an execution" and was merely the most recent of "a number of apparently unsolved deaths of activists in the Eastern Cape".

When Dr Boraine and other members of the institute's party returned to Johannesburg on July 21 from West Africa they were forced to cancel an airport press conference by the police, who said they would be unable to guarantee their safety, and were smuggled out of the building by a side entrance.

Since their return, Dr Boraine and other members of the institute's delegation have been plagued by abusive and aggressive telephone

calls from people who refuse to give their names. Dr Boraine said that one caller had threatened: "We will kill you and hang you from the nearest tree".

Mr Mntonga was one of the institute's two co-directors in the region. He was also formerly a member of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid organization and active in the black dawn movement in the Eastern Cape.

In Soweto, about 200 to 300 people, including Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, yesterday attended the funeral of Mr Paul

Motau, an ANC member murdered earlier this month in Swaziland by gunmen suspected of being South African agents.

The South African authorities permitted the funeral to take place subject to various restrictions, including a stipulation that no more than 200 mourners should be present.

More than 20 police and army vehicles, including armoured cars mounted with machine guns, were deployed at the cemetery. The police arrested six black youths during the burial ceremony.

When Mrs Mandela remonstrated with the police over the

arrest of a girl mourner, she was told that the girl had committed an offence by wearing a police track-suit top.

● Embassy incident: The Pretoria police confirmed yesterday that they were investigating an allegation that a shot was fired last Sunday at a building housing offices of the Dutch Embassy where the Dutch citizen and political fugitive, Mr Klaas de Jonge, has been hiding for more than two years.

Mr de Jonge is wanted by the South African police for his alleged role in smuggling arms into South Africa.

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# Demjanjuk lawyer says identity card is KGB forgery

From Ian Murray  
Jerusalem

"May it please the court, I am John Demjanjuk," the defendant in the war crimes trial here told the court yesterday at the start of evidence which seeks to prove that he is not "Ivan the Terrible," the mass executioner of the Treblinka extermination camp.

"I am accused here of having been at Treblinka," he said in Ukrainian, in his deep bass voice. "This is not true. I was never at Treblinka, nor Sobibor, nor at Trawniki, nor any such place."

The other names are those of the two camps which appear on an identity card of "Ivan Demjanjuk" provided unofficially by the Soviet Union to help the Israeli prosecution. It is a card which Mr Yoram Shefiel, the Israeli lawyer now leading the defence, told the court in his opening statement was a KGB forgery.

"We will summon experts of the highest calibre who will shatter this document," he said. "When they have finished with it, neither the signatures, nor the photograph, nor the stamps will remain on this document. We will pulverize it."

Mr Demjanjuk, however, is the first and most important witness in his own defence. Asked what he thought of prosecution evidence that he had been recruited as a prisoner of war to serve in the death camps, he answered with slow dignity: "The prosecution can say whatever it wants, but I was there. I am the one who knows."

Yesterday's hearing began with Mr Shefiel making a string of "sincere apologies" to the court for the way in which the defence had been handled so far. Without mentioning the name of Mr Mark O'Connor — dismissed as defence counsel after the prosecution case ended a month ago — Mr Shefiel said he was sorry for the manner of cross-examination, the excessive interruptions and scrutiny of documents by the defence.

Mr O'Connor, sitting in the audience, kept his views for the CNN television channel, to whom he has sold a regular commentary on the case.

Mr Shefiel indicated that much of the case would lie in discrediting the identity card, with evidence from an expert who had spent 30 years in prison, as the result of a

KGB forgery, to show how good the Russians were at this.

Another witness would be Count Nikolai Tolstoy, great-grandson of the Russian author, who was described as a world-ranking historian on the period, who would explain the background to the KGB's motives.

From the bench, Judge Dalia Dorner warned Mr Shefiel: "If this is your line of defence, you have a very severe problem. This has

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nothing whatever to do with this case. I would advise you to concentrate on defending the accused."

It was Mr John Gill, the American defence lawyer, who began the slow examination of Mr Demjanjuk, from the time he was born into a peasant family in the Ukraine on April 3, 1920, until he was caught up in the Second World War.

The defendant appeared more

poised than his own lawyer, who often tripped over the questions and who irritated the bench by ignoring a request to ask leading questions, in order to speed up this early life history. The story was the defendant's own tale of horror, to match that of Treblinka.

Mr Demjanjuk explained how his handicapped father and mother were so poor they had only one pair of shoes. This meant he could not attend school when his father had a job, because he would then wear the family shoes. In consequence, he had taken him nine years at school to reach the fourth grade, and then he became a tractor driver on a communal farm.

He dwelt at length on his boyhood memories of the famine in the Ukraine in the winter of 1932-1933, when the family had survived by eating rats, cats and birds, and when he had come to believe that Stalin had deliberately set about exterminating the Ukrainians. Eight million had died in the famine, two million more than in the Nazi Holocaust.

He told how he had "failed" to join the Red Army when first called up in 1940 because he was so poor

he did not have the two pairs of underpants, each recruit had to bring. But in 1941 he joined the artillery, and soon after was wounded by a shell fragment in a battle on the Dnieper. The disputed identity card described a scar consistent with this wound on the back of the holder.

In January 1942, after he recovered, he joined another artillery unit in the Crimea, where he was captured. "The Germans bombed us from the air and there was no place to hide," he said.

"It was very hot and the grass was growing." He was not specific about dates.

As a prisoner he said he had to join a gang living in a railway carriage repairing a bombed track. They had to push the carriage from place to place, with nothing but bread and coffee three times a day.

Later he was attached to a group of prisoners taken to a camp at Rovno, so crowded that there was nowhere to sit or lie down.

Each day they were taken to a forest clearing to rest and were given a pot of soup to eat. "The food was no food. It was water with no grain of wheat in it," he said

with a wry laugh when asked about it.

It was at this camp that the prosecution has claimed he volunteered to serve as a guard in the extermination camps. But Mr Demjanjuk firmly told the court: "I am the one who was there, and I went from Rovno to Chelm."

This is another prisoner-of-war camp not connected with the extermination camps.

He said that transfer was made in the autumn of 1942 — which is about the time Treblinka death camp started operating. Through out that winter he said he worked at Chelm, and the following summer joined a party digging turf. The following winter he had worked at unloading pumpkins, potatoes and coal from railway wagons.

It was in the autumn of 1944 — by which time Treblinka had been closed for more than a year — that he said he was transferred with about 350 others to Graz in Austria, and it was there that he learned he was to be posted to the Vlassov army, made up of Soviet prisoners who were to fight for the Nazis.

# Five flee across German borders

Hanover (AP) — Five East German men, including one who swam across the chilly Elbe river, fled to West Germany at the weekend.

The escapes started on Saturday, when two young men, aged 18 and 22, dashed over the Czechoslovak border to Bavaria. Two other East German men, aged 20 and 21, escaped to Bavaria early yesterday, and the fifth, aged 22, evaded guards on the east bank of the Elbe and swam 325 yards to Lower Saxony.

Meanwhile, 32 Poles abandoned a tour group in southern West Germany to remain in the West.

## Bus tragedy

Ankara (Reuters) — A bus used by Turkey's ruling Motherland Party ploughed into a crowd of supporters at Duzce on the main Istanbul-Ankara highway, killing six people and injuring 15, soon after the Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, had alighted.

## Bridge down

Belgrade (Reuters) — A pedestrian bridge collapsed near the spa town of Mataruska Banja, eastern Yugoslavia, spilling more than 200 evening strollers into the River Sava and injuring at least 100.

## Buses collide

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) — At least 52 people died and 20 were injured when two interstate buses collided head-on on a highway 15 miles from Belo Horizonte, in south-east Brazil.

## Mock battle

East Berlin (Reuters) — Up to 25,000 Soviet and East German troops fought mock tank battles in the north of East Germany as part of annual joint manoeuvres.

## Birds flown

The Hague (Reuters) — Thieves broke into a Dutch safari park at the weekend and made off with 12 rare Chilean pink flamingos.

## Birds hatched

Bonn (AFP) — Two peregrine falcons, a threatened species in Europe, have been born in the north tower of Cologne cathedral.

# Aquino earns applause with attack on foreign creditors

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines inaugurated her country's new Congress yesterday with a powerful state-of-the-nation address marking the Philippines' return to democracy after 15 years of authoritarian rule.

Troops were on alert in Manila to prevent left-wing and right-wing groups from disrupting the ceremonies.

In her speech, President Aquino pledged that there would be no more threats from extremists by the end of her presidential term in 1992.

With the opening of the two American-style legislative houses, the President has lost the sole law-making powers she has held since she was swept to office in a popular civilian and military revolution 17 months ago.

She has given the country the most powerful Congress it has ever had under a constitution designed to prevent the recurrence of dictatorship.

In her speech, however, President Aquino made clear that she was concerned about the 23,000 insurgents fighting for a communist takeover and disgruntled groups within the armed forces.

"The price of security and national honour — no less than liberty — is eternal vigilance," she said. "Our country is threatened by totalitarian slavery on the left and reversion to fascist terror

and corruption on the right."

She said, however, that all the attempts so far to destabilize her Government had failed flat "because the people believe in our honesty and sincere desire to work for the common good."

President Aquino turned bitterly on foreign creditors whom she accused of taking advantage of the turmoil after former President Marcos fled in February last year.

She said that, despite her Government's attempts to re-

"Necessity forced our hand," she added, "but we do not bow our heads in shame. We vow never again to let this nation lie at the feet of those noble houses which have finally shown the true face of foreign finance." Several strong statements like this earned Mrs Aquino consistent applause and a standing ovation.

Candidates endorsed by President Aquino hold more than two-thirds of the seats in the 250-member House of

Manila — An army officer on the run since a 60-hour mutiny against President Aquino in January was arrested yesterday near a Manila military base (Reuters reports). Colonel Rolando Abadilla, head of the Military Intelligence Service Group, is accused of torturing and killing political prisoners under the regime of former President Marcos. He was dishonourably discharged a month after he went into hiding following the mutiny in which rebel soldiers seized a TV station.

turn the country to democracy, foreign creditors had refused special concessions on the \$28 billion (£17.5 billion) debt, much of it incurred during Mr Marcos's rule. More than a quarter of the Philippines' foreign earnings go to service its overseas creditors.

The President said that creditors had used none too subtle coercion. "Sign (the agreement) or face the prospect of a protracted delay in the nation's debt restructuring programme," she said the creditors had told her.

Representatives and 22 of the 24 seat Senate. But the loosely formed coalition set up for the elections in May has already fragmented, and as yet there are no clearly defined political parties.

Left-wing groups say that Congress is still made up of the traditional political families with vested interests. President Aquino and Vice-President Salvador Laurel have relatives in both houses.

The president of the Senate, Mr Jovito Salonga, said that "the oppressed people will be watching us. We have a

responsibility to inspire them and strengthen their hopes."

The divisions within Congress will become better known when debate begins on two key issues, land reform and the American military bases for which the leases expire in 1991.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Ramon Mitra, has said that a presidential decree on land reform issued by President Aquino last week could end in bloodshed.

Landowners have begun lobbying Congress as well as threatening to organize outside the legislature. They say they will destroy their estates. Some are raising private armies to prevent their properties from being broken up and given to peasant farmers.

The future of the two US military bases revolves around growing Philippine nationalism and the weakening of the long-standing special relationship between the countries.

Senator Agapito Aquino, brother of the assassinated opposition leader Benigno, said the Senate was unanimous in asserting its rights and sovereignty on the bases.

But other senators and government officials have indicated that the bases might be allowed to stay if the United States agrees to pay a much higher rent.

# Sectarian clashes flare in Pakistan

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Outbreaks of fighting in the Kurram Agency on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, which seem to have pitted Shia against Sunni Muslims, and Pakistani tribesmen against Afghan refugees, may have left up to 86 dead.

Communications with the area are disrupted and the Pakistan Government has declined to comment on the disturbances. But newspaper reports speak of rocket-launchers, bombs and other modern weapons being used in the clashes.

If the reports are substantiated, the clashes would add a new and ominous twist to the law and order position in Pakistan, which commentators have put down to Pakistan's involvement in the civil war in Afghanistan and presence of more than three million Afghan refugees in the country.

The Government this week issued decrees empowering provincial governments to set up special tribunals to hasten the process of dealing with serious crime and terrorism.

The clashes are said to have occurred on Sunday. Behind them seems to be the wish to create an Azad Afghanistan

Hakumat (free Afghanistan government) which would be controlled by Afghan Mujahidin receiving the support of an unnamed major power which newspapers identified with the United States. The Kurram Agency is regarded as an ideal Mujahidin base against the Moscow-supported Government in Kabul.

Parachinar, the principal town in the tribal belt of the North West Frontier Province, was regarded as predominantly Shia until it was overrun by thousands of Afghan refugees and Mujahidin who are said to have turned it into their main operational post. Since the majority of the Afghans in Parachinar are Sunni, sectarian tensions have been on the rise. Parachinar has been under indefinite curfew since the weekend.

Northern parts of Pakistan along the Afghanistan border are administered simultaneously by the federal Government in Islamabad, but no official account of the Kurram trouble was available. Mr Syed Qasim Shah, the minister responsible for the northern areas, was unable to fly to Gilgit yesterday and was not available for comment.

# Fear grips town as 100 die in Haiti

From Jean-Rabel, Haiti (Reuters) —

A mood of fear and suspicion gripped this remote farming town as military investigators tried to determine how a bitter land dispute erupted in a bloody clash in which at least 100 people died.

Hundreds of refugees crowded Jean-Rabel last night, afraid to return to their homes in surrounding villages, where men fought with machetes on Thursday and Friday.

One of the investigators, who arrived yesterday, said at least 100 people were believed to have died in the fighting near Jean-Rabel, 140 miles north-west of Port-au-Prince.

Some witnesses said members of the Tonton Macoutes, the private militia once controlled by the deposed dictator, Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier, took part in the fighting. Reporters found several decomposed corpses in the mountains near Jean-Rabel.

Witnesses from villages near by said that they saw hundreds of people killed in fighting between peasant factions. "The people here have seen such horrible things that they are afraid to go home," said M Jean Michel Richard-

son, a Jean-Rabel businessman.

M Cenfia Moness, president of a local association of landowning peasants, said that he had helped to bury at least 100 people killed in the clash.

M Evelt Achelus, a Protestant minister, said he had counted at least 300 dead along several miles of mountain road to Jean-Rabel, which has a population of about 3,000. There was, however, no independent confirmation of the accounts.

Reports of the clash differed widely, but most witnesses said it stemmed from a land dispute between poor peasants, many of them landless, and landowners. Some witnesses said they believed that the landowners were backed by the Tonton Macoutes.

Three radio stations initially reported that the violence began on Thursday when Tonton Macoutes ambushed a group of people demonstrating against them.

Other witnesses said the marchers, believed to have numbered 2,000, were poor, machete-wielding peasants incited by a radical Roman Catholic group to attack their landowning neighbours and seize their property.

# Chad rebel sets deadline



The Chadian rebel, Mr Goukouni Oueddei, above, in Paris yesterday when he set a six-month deadline for reconciliation talks with the Njamena Government, saying that civil war could resume in the country unless key differences were bridged.

Mr Goukouni, in Paris briefly on his way to Iraq, said he had recognized his arch-rival, President Habré, as legitimate head of state, but had been given no concessions in return (Reuters reports).

Quoted by Mr Hissène Habré as President in 1982, Mr Goukouni led a powerful Libyan-backed rebel coalition until last October. He broke with the Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi, and ordered his men to fight against their former backers. The split shattered Liby's hold on northern Chad and paved the way for the Chadian Army's drive to reconquer the desert region early this year. Since then the Government has sought to lure Mr Goukouni back to Njamena, but six months of talks on the terms of his return have broken down.

Mr Goukouni said: "Njamena believes that our demands are impossible, but we believe that until a minimum are accepted it is very difficult to go to Njamena." He has demanded that Mr Habré revise the Constitution, reorganize the Army, and form a broad-based party to replace the ruling UNIR party.

He said tension between rival groups inside Chad could erupt into renewed fighting if no long-term solution was found. Chad opposition leaders, he added, would meet in the next few weeks in the Burkina Faso capital, Ouagadougou, to assess strategy.

## EAU annual meeting

# Mengistu underlines African demand for debt solution

Addis Ababa (AP) — The Organization of African Unity's annual meeting opened yesterday with 16 African leaders present and with a moment of silence for the hundreds massacred in Mozambique's civil war.

The tribute to the victims came as President Sassou-Nguesso of the Congo opened the 50-country conference, which is expected to focus on South Africa, Namibia and the continent's crushing debt burden.

The Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, called in the keynote address for increased support for liberation movements in South Africa and Namibia and for the international community to help Africa out of its financial crisis.

Mozambique blamed the slaughter on July 19 of 386 people in Homoine on guerrillas of the Mozambican National Resistance, and said South Africa supplied the rebels' weapons. South Africa denied involvement.

As President Sassou-Nguesso spoke, scuffles broke out between security men and some of the more than 200 accredited journalists who were trying to reach the fewer than 30 seats provided for the press. No one was hurt.

Colonel Mengistu in his speech called on the international community "and us Africans to search for ways and means of eradicating apartheid, not only as a moral obligation but also as a fundamental peace initiative."

The heads of state and government gathered for the three-day meeting will consider resolutions prepared by their foreign ministers.

Among the measures is one criticizing Britain, the United States and West Germany for having voiced in April a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for comprehensive mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa.

The draft proposals also criticize Washington's stance that independence for Nam-

ibia should be linked to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

South Africa, which rules neighbouring Namibia in defiance of the United Nations, also insists on withdrawal of more than 30,000 Cuban troops. The Cubans are helping the Marxist Government in Angola, just north of Namibia, to fight South African and US-backed rebels.

The proposals repeat a long-standing OAU call for an international conference to resolve the continent's \$200 billion (£125 billion) debt.

One resolution sets a debt repayment ceiling of 20 per cent of foreign earnings, according to conference sources. Some member states want to write off the debt, but OAU sources say most members seek rescheduling.

The ministers also urged a peaceful settlement of the conflict between Chad and Libya, and called for African governments to work with the World Health Organization to curb Aids.

# Nature reclaims Costa Rica airstrip built for Contras

From Martha Honey, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

President Arias of Costa Rica has declared a new national park which incorporates a controversial airstrip built secretly with money from the US-Iran arms sale for use by Contra rebel supply aircraft.

The Guanacaste National Park, the biggest dry tropical forest in Central America, is near the border with Nicaragua on property once owned by Anastasio Somoza, the former Nicaraguan dictator. The small homesteaders and several large ranchers who now own much of its 225,000 acres are being bought out by the Government.

At a signing ceremony in the park on Saturday, President Arias made oblique reference to the 1.25-mile-long Contra airstrip. "People have tried to involve this region, its inhabitants and our Government" in the Nicaraguan conflict, he said.

A year ago President Arias closed the airstrip, which had been built during the previous Administration by US Embassy employees and members

of a network run by Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide.

The Costa Rican President said: "What do we do with this region of conflict? We make it into an area to study nature. We don't send soldiers with instruments of death. We send students, scientists and naturalists, with the instruments they need for their intellectual work."

Dr Alvaro Umaná, the Minister of Natural Resources, said the Government was still trying to sort out the complex ownership of the airstrip land, which includes a defunct Panama corporation set up by General Richard Second, several American businessmen and a company registered in Liberia.

Colonel North told the US Congress that, before "the cover was blown" on his operation, he had recommended selling the airstrip and other Contra assets to the Central Intelligence Agency. The airstrip is on the Santa

Elena peninsula, the driest land in Central America. It contains "unique vegetation, animals and plants," according to Dr Daniel Jenzen, a University of Pennsylvania biologist and prime mover behind the park project.

Dr Jenzen, who has been studying the area for almost two decades, has devised an innovative purchasing scheme and management technique for the park.

The land is being bought through "a debt-for-conservation scheme." Under this idea, recently used in Bolivia, international donors buy a portion of Costa Rica's national debt held by foreign banks. The Costa Rican Government in turn gives the sum paid, plus a roughly equal amount in high interest bonds, to the national park. The interest from the bonds is then used to buy land for the park.

Dr Jenzen's management concept includes allowing farmers, cattle and horses, to continue using the park land.

# Rattled Castro denounces 'traitors' to revolution

Artemisa, Cuba (NYT) — Still badly shaken by the defection to the West two months ago of an Air Force general regarded as a hero, President Castro of Cuba on Sunday night lashed out at "miserable and repugnant traitors" who, he said, betray the Cuban revolution.

President Castro did not name Brigadier-General Rafael del Pino, but other Cuban officials said it was clear the general was the man he had in mind. There have been reports that a colonel in the Cuban intelligence service has also defected in recent weeks, but these have not been confirmed.

President Castro made his remarks in a speech to about 100,000 people in this farming community to mark the 34th anniversary of a raid regarded as the beginning of the Cuban revolution. He sought to reassure his listeners that, al-

though Cuba was in a severe economic crisis, it had made great advances since 1959, when he overthrew President Batista.

President Castro did not mention an intensive campaign in which his Government has accused 151 US diplomats in Cuba of operating as intelligence agents and plotting over the past 10 years to kill him. America has countered by alleging that Cuba is harassing its diplomats in Cuba.

Other Western diplomats say they think the accusations against the Americans were intended to offset Cuba's embarrassment over the defection of General del Pino. Some Cuban officials have privately corroborated this. The idea, they say, was to paint a picture of US agents encouraging such things as defections.



President Castro speaking on Sunday to mark the 34th anniversary of Cuba's revolution.



# Approaching with due caution

Next week Peter Imbert will replace Sir Kenneth Newman as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force. He spoke to Stewart Tendler

The copies of *Private Eye* that were once scattered among the newspapers on the little table in the visitors' lobby outside the Commissioner's office at Scotland Yard have gone. Now there are glossy bulletins on the latest Metropolitan Police annual report...

Next Monday, Peter Imbert, aged 54, the son of a Kent farmer, moves from his deputy commissioner's office to the Commissioner's study, the first deputy in recent times to do so.

Imbert's career accelerated in the late 1970s, taking him from detective chief superintendent to the country's youngest chief con-

**On himself...**  
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stable in four years. He now becomes the 21st commander of one of the biggest police forces in the world.

For those who like to speculate — and there are plenty in the Yard currently trying to read what the future holds — the disappearance of journalistic exotica (in police terms) might signify that Sir Kenneth Newman's revolutionary flame has died.

When Imbert's appointment was announced, the Yard buzzed with talk of the emergence of a Commissioner who was a "good thinking copper", after an allegedly aloof academic. But relief among critics of the Newman era will be short-lived. The pace may change, but as he prepared for his new job, Imbert said: "Sir Kenneth and I are different in character, but

had I come here five years ago, my approach would have been similar."

Imbert is an affable, personable man, translating his beliefs into anecdotes or individual impressions. He speaks slowly and carefully: "I hope I am seen as a practical, approachable individual. I hope I am seen as an innovator, sensitive to other people's problems. I see myself as reasonably adventurous in a professional way, not hidebound by tradition. Certainly he is no stranger to controversy, having allowed the BBC to film his old force for the *Police* series and weathered the controversy over the episode showing the treatment of a rape victim — which led to reforms.

Much has been made of the fact that Imbert, unlike Newman, has no university degree or a background in formulating policing theory. It is true that Newman answers questions with statistics, iron logic and managerial jargon, while Imbert is practical and pragmatic. But Imbert would not have come to London from Thames Valley police (the largest shire force in Britain) in 1985 if he had not agreed with the Commissioner's strategies.

When Newman took over the Yard, he had 40,000 staff and a budget of £600 million. Imbert will have 45,000 staff, financed by £1,000 million. Serious crimes have risen from 688,000 in 1982 to 768,000 last year. The clear-up rate rose from 16 per cent in 1982 to 18 per cent two years ago and then slumped back to 16 per cent last year. As Commissioner, what can Imbert do?

He hopes to encourage a more professional approach,

exploiting police talent and responding to public need. "We use the phrase 'assisting police with their inquiries'," he said. "Perhaps we should use the phrase 'assisting the public with their inquiries'."

There is an element of cautiousness about him, an fitting quality in a man with 16 years experience in the Special Branch; it is the confidence of the backroom hero of the Balcombe Street siege in 1973, who helped to negotiate the surrender of an IRA unit. Imbert says he is putting his personal imprimatur behind a "Positive Steps" campaign, advising women on how to avoid danger and extending measures to deal with racial attacks.

"I think the Metropolitan Police has a responsibility to encourage the public to pre-

vent crime, and increase the confidence of the public in our ability to take action when crimes are reported." He is a supporter and defender of the neighbourhood watch schemes.

Imbert urges action on both the carrying of knives on the London streets, and the availability of shotguns for robbery. He accepts that shotgun controls would pose a "gargantuan administrative exercise... but I do think you've got to take some swift action to ensure that the flood of shotguns is reduced to a trickle."

Newman persistently called for more men, and Imbert echoes that appeal, adding, with a flicker of bitterness, that his successor in Thames Valley is still fighting the battle that he began there for more recruits.

The burden on the police may eventually mean unpleasant choices. The 24-hour first aid post which we call a police station will no longer

**On the police...**  
**'We shall be firm but fair, sensitive but sensible'**

shoulder responsibilities for other agencies. "Let us say," Imbert said, "that at the weekend we have a demonstration, perhaps attended by some disorder. While we are dealing with that, no matter what the other calls are, there will be some which we just won't be able to attend to."

Manpower problems are not helped by the realities of life in the inner city. Imbert

said: "I think one of the main challenges facing the police service, particularly in London, is the dilemma — which all police officers face in sensitive areas — between 'hard' and 'soft' policing."

"There are areas of London where a minority of the people who live there have a vested interest in preventing any sort of policing. My message to the force and to the public is that we shall not tolerate this. We shall be firm but fair, sensitive but sensible."

That message must be aimed at the frustrated police in the inner city. It is the voice of the "thinking copper" offering solace to his men. The message for the public is: "If you want a reasonable society, where everyone has the right to go about their normal daily business or pleasure, first of all we've got to have the will to

ensure that that society is there. That that right is maintained."

He would be prepared to use the growing police armoury of riot equipment, but "I am not anxious in any way to use it. Our strategy is directed towards preventing the use of such weapons. As Winston Churchill said it's 'jaw, jaw and not war war' that is our main objective. But if one got to the situation where innocent lives were in danger, then I must take the decision to use whatever means to protect them."

"I don't relish the thought of being the first Commissioner to use plastic baton rounds. I am hell-bent on getting the right response from the community. But should there be those sections which are equally hell-bent on putting people's lives in dan-

ger, then it's my responsibility to deal with that."

Public order is only one of many "manpower" demands. "London is an extremely busy place, and crime won't all be resolved by just pouring in men. But manpower does more than just solve crimes, it helps to prevent them. It raises the level of confidence."

Certainly he supports putting more men on the beat. "I get a warm glow when I see a policeman in the vicinity of my house," he said.

"It could be argued that it's not the only and most efficient way to police, because the criminal will see him and perhaps wait until he's gone. But... there is every reason to believe that the criminal will know the area is well policed, and will perhaps change his mind."

## A drop of the ancient stuff

The climate of the Hebridean island of Rum hardly suits the production of cane sugar and the dark liquor more common to the West Indies than the Western Isles. But its name may soon be linked with one of the most exotic drinks of all — the ancient Celtic heather ale.

The recipe for heather ale, home brew of the Bronze and early Iron Ages, is said to have been lost for ever in the Dark Ages when the last two holders of the secret of the traditional "elixir of gods and men" chose death rather than reveal all to

Can Celtic heather ale be reproduced from the clues in a 4,000-year-old pot?

inquisitive settlers and raiders. Legend has it that the old Pict told his torturers: "Kill my son and I'll tell you the recipe." When they did, he taunted them: "You should have killed me first, because I shall never tell you the secret."

Since then, pale imitations of the old Celtic brew have been made by country people down the centuries, from

heather, bog myrtle, honey and herbs, but somehow nothing quite matched the divine ale of the traditional tales.

The cunning Pict, however, reckoned without 20th-century archaeologists and the latest analytical techniques of biochemists. Now a leading Scottish distillery has been sufficiently fired by archaeological evidence to sponsor a

series of stringent laboratory tests.

Two years ago while excavating on Rum, freelance archaeologists Caroline Wickham-Jones and Dave Pollock discovered not only the earliest known settlement of man in Scotland, dated 6500 BC, but also a later primitive farming community of about 2000 BC. It was the latter which left, among other artefacts, an insignificant piece of potsherd measuring not more than 2in at its broadest. When sent for analysis, the sherd was found to contain pollen grains related to those in surrounding soil samples.

Here an Edinburgh-based archaeobotanist, Dr Brian Moffat, took over with no small measure of excitement. Moffat thinks that much of our ancient domestic history has been thrown on the 20th-century rubbish dump by experts not making full use of the latest advances in analysis. The pollen in the sherd proved fascinating in its combination: the major constituent was heather, followed by a high content of royal fern spores, a lesser amount of meadow-sweet, and pollen of grain and other herbs. It was not possible for such a mix to have settled in such an isolated manner by natural means. The unusual mixture also appeared to have been fermented.

Apart from the fern (*Osmunda*) spores, which baffled him, Moffat thought he recognized something like a home brew recipe. He cautiously collected some plants and made up a bottle or two. "A very drinkable alcohol, comparing quite favourably with beers available in various Edinburgh hostels," he reports, adding tantalizingly, "a bit savage, perhaps, for modern palates." Three more sherds with the same constituents have now been unearthed at the same site in Rum which, the archaeologists consider, strengthens their case.

But that royal fern continued to puzzle Moffat until he heard from a biochemist at Osaka University in Japan that the fern contained athiaminase, an enzyme which destroys vitamin B1, a major constituent of the cell walls of the yeast. It would have stopped the fermentation process, a veritable prehistoric Camden tablet.

Now a series of experimental brews is to be made up by a Glenfiddich distiller, William Grant and Sons, at its distillery in Girvan, Ayrshire, because although Moffat is



certain that the potsherd holds the secret of the old Celtic ale, the tiny sample available by no means gives the actual strength or proportions of the ingredients nor, of course, the brewing methods.

The archaeologists currently working in Rum hope that the ale becomes commercially viable, because royalties would go towards the funding of further excavations. Rum is owned by the Nature Conservancy Council, and the island, with a history of settlement stretching from 6500 BC to the clearances of the last century, when the people were herded

out to make way for sheep, is ideal digging territory for archaeologists.

Meanwhile Dr Moffat is "shopping" for ingredients. Parcels of meadow-sweet have been promised from Sutherland, pure heather honey from selected Highland bee keepers, and even the more rare royal fern from near Inverness. "I've been lucky there," says Moffat. "Royal fern isn't always easy to find. It's now protected in the wild and my supply comes from a garden."

Mary Beith

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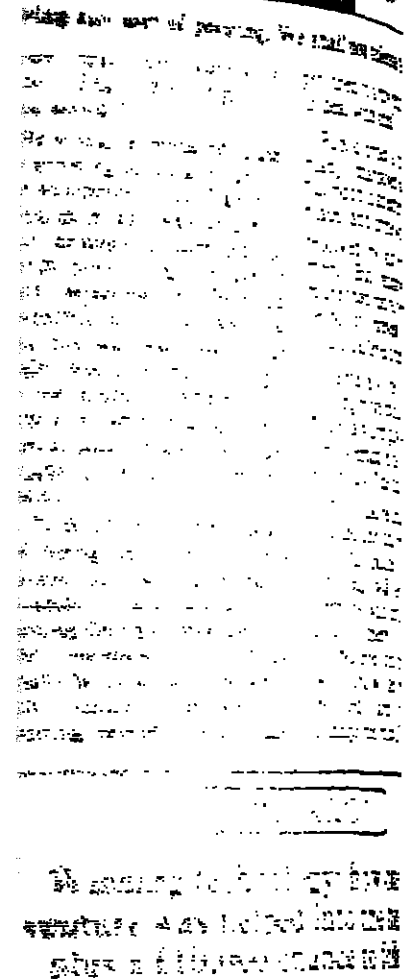
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## THROUGH A MINEFIELD

The reflagging of Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf was always a high-risk operation for the United States. The decision was controversial from the start, and is certain to remain so following last week's incident when one of the ships hit a mine. But it was taken in full knowledge of the dangers and to panic after this early reverse would be a disaster.

The proof that mines are littering the Gulf must increase fears that a warship might be hit — thus bringing a serious blow upon the beleaguered White House. But to withdraw US naval protection now would expose Kuwaiti tankers, whatever flags they are sailing under, to greater risks than ever.

To retaliate might be equally unwise. The mine's country of origin remains unknown — though the Iranians have made no secret of their happiness at its explosion. A mine is a notoriously blunt instrument anyway, with a poor reputation for telling friend from foe.

The latest international attempt to bring the Gulf War to an end is delicately poised. Iran showed little enthusiasm for the UN Security Council's demand for a ceasefire. Fighting in its war with Iraq continued as usual yesterday. None the less, the isolation of Iran is such that even the mullahs might decide one of these days that the peace terms now on offer are worth considering. As long as the peace initiative is alive, Washington should avoid being held responsible for killing it off. It is a time for seeking peace, not making more war, and it is important that its policing role in the Gulf should be seen in that light.

The first thing for the Americans to do is to try to ensure that the deep water channel for shipping is free from mines. There will always be a risk that they have missed one. But they should try to lower the risk as much as possible

by sweeping clear a path before each convoy.

The next thing they should do is to make their effort as international as possible. While the British Government is reluctant to become deeply involved, the provision of a mine-sweeping capability might be a contribution which this and other countries could very well make.

The most searching questions, however, apply to the Soviet Union. The Russians have proposed a joint approach to Gulf peacekeeping — and have so far been firmly turned down. Is this sensible?

A decade ago the West would have promptly dismissed any similar Soviet initiative as a diplomatic coup with only limited propaganda objectives. The latest approach has to be assessed, however, against the background of the Security Council resolution — which saw all five permanent members acting together for once. The Iranian revolution and the war between Iran and Iraq have turned old regional rivalries and loyalties upside down.

The West has a genuine interest in seeing the Gulf War ended. Japan and Western Europe continue to rely heavily on Gulf oil. While the danger of Shia fundamentalism spreading around the region seems to have receded, there is still a serious threat to the flow of oil through the Hormuz Straits.

The sincerity of Soviet interests should now be tested. While the suspicion must remain that the Russians are seeking political gains around the Gulf, their cooperation would certainly lift some of the political as well as the military burden from the United States. The Soviet Navy is already there, like it or not. It might be safer for all concerned if the big powers were for once to work together.

## MR HURD LOOKS AGAIN

The Home Secretary is looking again into the 11 convictions secured in connection with the IRA's Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings in the autumn of 1974. Four people are serving life sentences for murder. Seven others — including the husband, wife and two sons from a single family (the Maguires) — were imprisoned after being found guilty of making the bombs. Six of them have now been released after serving their sentences. One of them died in prison.

Mr Hurd's decision is overdue. Even now, he is not saying that he will refer the cases to the Court of Appeal. But a referral must not be delayed much longer. In January, Mr Hurd referred to the Court of Appeal the cases of the six men who have been in prison since 1975 for the Birmingham pub bombings which took place during the same period as those at Guildford and Woolwich. The doubts raised about the Birmingham convictions are similar to those raised about the others. Why refer one group and not the rest?

Both were the subject of books published at about the same time last year. The innocence of the six defendants convicted of the Birmingham bombings was asserted in *Error of Judgement* by Mr Chris Mullin, the former editor of *Tribune*, who on June 11 was elected a Labour MP. The Guildford and Woolwich convictions were the subject of *Trial and Error* by Mr Robert Kee. All 17 defendants were convicted on the strength of two groups of evidence: confessions to the police, and forensic tests which found that some of them had been handling explosives shortly before the bombings.

The claim of the two books, essentially, is that the confessions were made after violence against the prisoners by their police questioners, and that the forensic tests were either doctored or unreliable. Convicted terrorists, and other persons found guilty, often make such claims. Often their claims are taken up by left-wing or liberal journalists. But this time Mr Mullin and Mr Kee support the claims with enough evidence to present at least a case for the Home Secretary to answer — and a case which many others find overwhelming.

Both authors name the policemen whom they accuse of extracting the confessions by violence. None has sued for libel. By referring one set of convictions to the Court of Appeal, but not the other, Mr Hurd — and his Home Office advisers — made it look as if such

referrals are a matter of luck on the part of the defendants, almost a lottery. The Home Office line has been that, in cases such as this, only "new evidence" justifies referral to the Court of Appeal. In the Birmingham case, there is possible new evidence in the form of statements by one of the policemen involved.

There are precedents, however, to show that the evidence does not have to be "new", but simply "additional". In the case of Guildford/Woolwich, there is evidence either new or additional in the form of detailed admissions by Joseph O'Connell, of the Balcombe Street siege, and Brendan O'Dowd, another IRA man captured earlier, that it was they who were responsible. Until recently, Mr Hurd has refused to accept those admissions.

The suspicion was that the Home Office was simply trying to minimize the amount of damage involved in admitting that all 17 convictions might be unjust — and so had referred one group in the hope that people would forget about the other. But they will not be forgotten.

The Guildford/Woolwich convictions all flowed from the confession of one of those later found guilty: Mr Paul Hill, then aged 21. For devious reasons of his own, he confessed. He then implicated a motley collection of Irish friends in London — assuming that he and they would have no trouble proving their innocence later because the idea that they had done the bombings was so absurd. Mr Kee's case is that, once they had all been arrested, police violence and suspect forensic evidence made them "guilty". They included the Maguires — who were very much "respectable" London Irish, unlike the others (petty thieves, drug dealers and squatters, but not necessarily terrorists). One Maguire was a stalwart of Paddington Conservative Club.

The British now know much more about the IRA and terrorism than they did then. It is possible that, in 1974, the policemen concerned were convinced that they had the right people, but could not prove it, and so "helped" the evidence. The IRA would argue that this is what British justice is all about. That would be a lie. What British justice is all about is the freedom of people such as Mr Mullin and Mr Kee to publish their evidence, for Home Secretaries and Courts of Appeal to consider it, and for awards to be made if the evidence shows wrong done to the innocent.

## CARING FOR MINISTERS

It is arguable that the British people are short on compassion towards their rulers. It is, however, equally arguable that this is a deficiency which their rulers themselves amply supply. A striking example of this last tendency is provided by the news that Mr John Wakeham, the new Leader of the House of Commons, is asking the Review Body on Top Salaries to consider a proposal that ministers of the Crown serving in the Commons who lose their jobs either through electoral defeat or by the fiat of the Prime Minister should be entitled to severance pay. Ministers serving in the Lords are already entitled to small severance payments, a discrimination defended by the argument that they have no parliamentary salaries.

Certainly, there are anomalies in the parliamentary pension system and there appears to be some evidence that ministers and their widows often fare very badly. Such injustices should be remedied. It is harder, however, to shed tears over some of the privations which are said to have moved the Government to open this question.

It is true that a secretary of state who is suddenly deprived of his post suffers overnight the loss of more than half of his salary. To compound this, we are moving to lose a chauffeur-driven ministerial car. This last experience must surely be traumatic. No one has yet done exhaustive research on the effect which it may produce on the stability of marriage or the incidence of ex-ministerial delinquency, but such investigations could no doubt be mounted. On the other side of the coin, it would have to be admitted that ex-ministers often do well for themselves (peacages

apart) by finding high-level posts in industry.

Compassion aside, it would do well to consider the constitutional implications of ministerial "golden handshakes". It is a common source of complaint that ministers are now extremely reluctant to resign on issues of principle. There are glittering exceptions to the rule — the resignations of Mr Harold Wilson and Mr Nye Bevan over the imposition of prescription payments, those of Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Mr Nigel Birch and Mr Enoch Powell over public expenditure; more recently that of Mr Ian Gow over the Anglo-Irish agreement, and up to a point that of Mr Michael Heseltine over the Westland affair. But many ministers who find themselves out of sympathy with their leader are prepared to settle for a change of office which will remove them from the contentious area or, particularly in very recent times, to stay firmly put while persistently delivering easily decoded political messages of dissent from government policy.

If the new payments were in force, dissident ministers would have a strong economic incentive for staying in their jobs as long as possible and for provoking dismissal rather than resigning. Prime Ministers might even find themselves inhibited from necessary surgery by thought of its cost to the Treasury; what price would the tax-payer have had to pay for Macmillan's "night of the long knives"? Then, again, if severance payments, why not protection against "unfair dismissal"?

Would the dignity of Parliament be enhanced if Mr Biffen were to take his case to an industrial tribunal? All things considered, though compassion is now the order of the day, it should, in this case, be tempered by realism.

## Conservation of the Flow Country

From Dr H. E. P. Bourne

Sir, It is surprising that there has been so little critical scrutiny of recent statements about the wildlife of the Flow Country of the north of Scotland. Far from being confined to Caithness and Sutherland, in fact this habitat is also found all down the west coast of Scotland and Ireland and even on Dartmoor.

Since it is a particularly sterile and impassable kind of misty acid bog, it has not previously proved very popular with anyone or anything except midges, or we might have heard more about it before, and in fact it has only attracted attention now because it holds a few northern birds which are rare elsewhere in the EEC.

As it happens, there are also still large areas of a superior form of the same habitat immediately outside the EEC in Scandinavia, where the drier parts still retain the natural woodland which has been lost here, but none the less also support much higher densities of twice as many species of moorland birds, including all those considered remarkable in the north of Scotland. Most of them, including the greenshanks, will also nest in the spaces among the trees (as they used to do here in the last remains of our native woodland on Speyside before there was so much disturbance there).

It is therefore now quite astonishing to find the Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council (report, July 24) describing our depressing deforested northern wilderness with a rather low density of birds which nobody previously wished to visit as a natural masterpiece of global significance, supporting a unique mixture of birdlife whose preservation forms the most important conservation issue of the past 30 years. Thirty years ago one could get away with this sort of bombast over St Kilda, and 20 years ago over Aldabra, but to apply it now to the biggest bog in recorded history is excessive.

Both sides in this controversy appear to have been badly advised. The foresters ought to know by now that if they fail to allow for conservation they can expect this sort of confrontation. The conservation lobby have failed to formulate an alternative policy, so they are now unable to consider anything but blind opposition to any form of tree, regardless of whether the country

may need them, or of whether the restoration of our lost woodland might improve the landscape and wildlife, or of the appalling effect on the local population when they need their support.

It is strange how all the people who complain that our existing trees are being killed by acid rain also dislike any other trees being planted where they are missing. Personally I like trees. We need more of them.

Yours faithfully,  
W. R. P. BOURNE,  
3 Contlaw Place,  
Milltimber, Aberdeen.  
July 24.

From Dr George P. Black  
Sir, Experienced observers of the conservation scene will have felt little surprise on reading, in your issue of July 24, of the outcry raised by the implications of Nature Conservancy Council's latest publication, *Birds, Bogs and Forestry*.

Such widespread concern is only to be expected for, through failing to provide any effective means of appeal against NCC's opinions, the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act freed NCC from any need to work with other land-based interests or to consider the social effects of what they choose to do in the name of the public interest.

From Sedgemoor to Orkney, the consequences of this failure have served only to distort the public perception of conservation; this present case has raised natural and openly expressed fears that NCC's power might be sufficient to effect a third, if partial, Highland Clearance.

To put matters right, in my opinion, will require a fundamental reappraisal of the, currently upset, balance between conservation and its sister land-uses; until such a solution is eventually hammered out, can I request the courtesy of your columns to appeal to the NCC and their responsible ministers at least to listen to the very valid criticisms levelled at their present policies, not just by groups such as farmers and foresters, but by senior politicians and public servants, and even by substantial sections of Britain's natural scientists whose interests NCC is supposed to serve?

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE P. BLACK,  
107 Andover Road,  
Newbury, Berkshire.

## Schools report

From the Leader of the Inner London Education Authority  
Sir, Your leader about her Majesty's inspectors' report on the state of our schools (July 22) suffers from several misconceptions about ILEA and the serious dissonances of scale which Kenneth Baker's opting out proposals will generate.

If inner London boroughs decide to leave ILEA, two things will happen to education in the capital. Firstly, poorer boroughs will lose the benefits of redistribution of resources from the richer boroughs, thus weakening their education. And secondly, the opting out boroughs will find the individual provision of adult education, nursery education, special education, youth service and local inspectors a very expensive task indeed. These services were all seen as in particular need of wider provision by HMI in their report and are all well provided throughout inner London by ILEA.

But I find it unsurprising that you miss these points in your determination to see the HMI report as a justification for all of Mr Baker's proposals. The report actually repeats all the concerns expressed in their 1985 report about the deterioration of our schools, bad accommodation and poor furniture, which HMI note

have not been improved sufficiently by a small real increase in local education authority spending. Improvements in these basics do need greater resources, not fewer.

However, there is one aspect of Mr Baker's batch of proposals which has its model in ILEA. That is the granting to heads of greater budgetary control of expenditure within their schools. Since 1973, our alternative use of resources scheme has allowed heads control of spending over and above an agreed basic staff allocation, which is precisely what Mr Baker has proposed in his consultation paper earlier this week.

HMI found one "striking feature on a number of aspects of provision" which Mr Baker should consider carefully before he proceeds with the destruction of education provision in inner London. The inspectors noted a "variation between the generally satisfactory position in the London boroughs with a much more uneven picture in the metropolitan districts and, particularly, the shire counties". It is that which the Secretary of State will destroy in London with his proposals to allow boroughs to opt out.

Yours faithfully,  
NEIL FLETCHER, Leader,  
Inner London Education Authority,  
The County Hall, SE1,  
July 22.

## Community charge

From Professor G. W. Jones

Sir, For experience of poll taxes we do not have to go back to the 1380s in England or Nyassaland of the 1920s. Poll taxes still survive in a few African countries, although it has been adapted in most into a graduated personal tax, a sort of crude mass income tax.

It is much more in evidence in the South Sea islands of Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. In Vanuatu it is levied on all aged between 18 and 60, with different rates for men and women. In Niue it raises only \$1 a year from each adult for four village councils which find more feasible a property tax raising \$16.

Should not our Cabinet visit their islands to learn the folly of bringing back a primitive form of taxation which they are rejecting? Yours faithfully,  
G. W. JONES,  
The London School of Economics and Political Science,  
Houghton Street, WC2.

## 'Courtiers at No 10'

From Mr David Lipsey

Sir, Its a bit thick of Lord Donoghue (July 18) to accuse me of being "unworthy personal" in my remarks in your columns on his memoir of his Downing Street years. It was, after all, Donoghue who, by there publicly attacking the advice which I, as an environmental department political adviser, gave on the sale of council houses in 1976, got his retaliation in first.

I write because he continues to misstate what happened: as does Mr Joe Haines, who is now Mr Robert Maxwell's gofer (July 8). When the official papers become available, the following account will be seen to be accurate.

First, as Sir Peter Lazarus (July 15) makes clear, it is not true that civil servants — neither he or unnamed others — were hostile to the Donoghue/Haines scheme. They resisted it only when in-

structed by their ministers to do so. Not untypically, Donoghue and Haines perceive a Whitehall conspiracy where none existed.

Secondly, it is not true that Tony Crosland, to whom I was then political adviser, was opposed to selling council houses. Indeed he planned a campaign to encourage councils outside housing stress areas to sell. What he did believe was that to force Labour councils to make such sales before the ground had been prepared politically would provoke party opposition that could not be contained, endangering the ultimate objective. This was the unanimous counsel of the political team at the DoE.

We convinced Harold Wilson, then Prime Minister, of this but not, unfortunately, Lord Donoghue. But then he, as his memoir shows, held Labour councils, party members and the public sector in general, in contempt.

## Radical shift in research policy

From Professor J. B. Holland

Sir, The Government's White Paper, *A Strategy for the Science Base*, on the reorganisation of research and development and an increased emphasis on a science policy for the UK is to be greatly welcomed (leader, July 21). Before embarking on such a new policy, which will entail a radical change in research activity in universities (in particular, it will be expected to involve money from industry for collaborative research), two factors must be recognised at the outset.

First, it is currently clear in the high tech areas of biology that there is now a relative stampede, driven by abysmal career prospects, of 21 to 24-year-olds away from scientific research. Unless this problem is addressed quickly, the university centres of excellence now being proposed, which will mean an actual narrowing of career opportunities for the very best, will look pretty empty in five or six years time.

Secondly, a major obstacle in the UK for university-industrial involvement in research is the great difficulty industry has in identifying scientific opportu-

nities in which to invest, simply, because scientists are so poorly represented in the boardroom.

Similarly, City experts are rarely scientifically trained. Our competitors can hardly hide their smiles when the majority of UK business trainees turn up at international business schools with arts qualifications. We must provide an exciting career structure for scientists in industry, and a recognition that scientific skills are essential at all levels, if the new science policy is to succeed in a world dominated by science.

In a parallel development, the Government has just received a report from the advisory board for research councils which will be music to its ears. The report proposes the concentration of high flying research activity within a small number of universities, with the emphasis on the industrial application of research. Though the proposals have some merits, the danger lies in the creation of second and third class universities not only at research but also at the teaching level.

In line with the Government's new thinking, would it not make more sense for the research-orientated centres, which will also be expected to greatly expand their industrial interface, to concentrate upon postgraduate, masters and PhD level teaching, with all other universities competing equally to produce first class undergraduates?

Yours faithfully,  
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## Archer libel case

From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, There are three former Tory ministers alive today whose wives were, and I am sure still are, no less fragrant than the wife of Mr Archer; yet this did not prevent them from consorting with prostitutes, in consequence of which they were all obliged to resign.

Why then did Mr Justice Caulfield consider Mrs Archer's fragrant to be so special as to be likely to dissuade her husband from following the same trail? It is also worth noting that none of the three mentioned above became the social lepers that Mr Justice Caulfield said would be the fate of Mr Archer if the jury found against him.

If there has been a more eccentric summing-up in any libel case in the past 50 years, I have not read of it.

Yours etc,  
LUDOVIC KENNEDY,  
Ashdown House,  
Avebury, Wiltshire.

From Dr Paul Marrett  
Sir, Mr Archer's libel action seems to set a record for the amount of damages awarded in such a case in an English court, at least in monetary terms (report, July 25). However, when allowance is made for inflation it is improbable that it exceeds, in real terms, the award of £25,000 made to Princess Irina Yussouppoff against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in respect of an imputation in a film that the princess had been seduced or raped by the mad monk Rasputin.

The case is remembered as establishing that defamation in a motion picture is libel rather than slander, thus making it actionable without proof of actual damage suffered by the plaintiff. This case was heard in 1934 and the sum awarded would be worth well over £500,000 today.

The runner-up, before Mr Archer came on the scene, might well be the £40,000 awarded to the plaintiff in *Kay's v. Nott* in 1959 against the author and printer of a letter circulated to shareholders of a company he was concerned with. A multiplier of eight or nine would need to be applied to bring this in line with present-day price levels. I have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant,  
PAUL MARRETT,  
Loughborough University,  
Department of Library and Information Studies,  
Loughborough, Leicestershire.

## Sitting comfortably

From Mrs Katherine Jessel

Sir, A few days ago at our local Red Cross centre I attended a symposium — a meeting of the Guildford branch of the Back Pain Association. I returned home with back pain. The reason? The extraordinary discomfort of the mass-produced chairs in which we were compelled to sit.

Surely it cannot be beyond human ingenuity to design a chair for use in public places that is supportive, comfortable and mass-produced? Present seating is breeding back problems for the future and reducing those already suffering to a second-class existence, unable to attend any function or event using mobile seating. Yours faithfully,  
KATHERINE JESSEL,  
7 Churchill Road,  
Guildford, Surrey.

These views, appropriate enough in the City where now he works, always seemed strange in the Labour adviser to a Labour prime minister.

Yours sincerely,  
DAVID LIPESEY,  
44 Drakefield Road, SW17,  
July 18.

## Elements harnessed

From Mr R. H. Ransford

Sir, The right answer to your exhortation to work out how many pint bottles can be filled with 300 tons of Alaskan iceberg water (Fourth Leader, July 18) is definitely not "537,6000" and almost certainly not even 537,600, but 480,000. I suggest a new mnemonic for you: a North American ton is shorter than a British one.

Yours sincerely,  
R. H. RANSFORD,  
Tuscany,  
Great Walsingham, Suffolk.

## ON THIS DAY

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It is difficult to reconcile these letters with a news item in an adjoining column that following a Reform meeting "the Park is once more given up to recreation and amusement of the people"

THE STATE OF HYDE PARK. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, — Will you much oblige a reader of your paper by inserting the following in your influential paper as a warning to the public in general?

I am in the habit of returning home through the park between 8 and 9 o'clock at night, usually accompanied by a friend; but last night was alone. When about half-way across the park I heard shouting and saw a great crowd, which turned out to be about 300 or 400 boys and young men of the lowest order, armed with sticks. They were stopping all who came across the park, as also those who occupied seats. I was following a gentleman who was attacked by the mob, and I heard, after having escaped almost by a miracle myself with only a few blows, having defended myself for nearly 20 minutes with a loaded stick I happened to be carrying, and kept those who attacked me at bay, that the gentleman above referred to was watched and chained, pushed, and even the scarf from his neck, together with the pin. If this state of things is allowed to continue I will, I consider, be endangered, as there were some hard blows struck last night. There were many other instances in which the victims of this gross outrage lost all they had of any value about them, in addition to having received some severe injuries. I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
Kensington Park, July 27.  
T. W. M.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, — I have just read a letter in *The Times* of today, signed "W.W.", wherein he states that he was attacked by a mob in Hyde Park. Your reporter says that things were quiet last night, and the mob orderly in their chief amusement, being smoking and playing at leapfrog. Had your reporter remained until dusk, he would have had a very different statement to make, for after that time the park was at the mercy of 300 or 400 of the lowest scum of the metropolis, encouraged by the entire absence of police. I was passing through the park a little after 9 o'clock, congratulating myself that the riotous assemblage of the previous evening had ceased, when I heard a noise of shouting, and saw a mob composed of 200 or 300 of the lowest classes pursuing an offensive and respectable man, who was running for his life, and calling "Police." The mob finding that pursuit in that direction was useless, at a given signal started off in pursuit of another gentleman. I warned several people who were unsuspectingly crossing the park; and as they might have selected me for their next object of attack I deemed it prudent to make the best of my way to the Bayswater road, feeling thankful for my escape. I was credibly informed that several gentlemen gave up their watches, money, etc, to save themselves from being maltreated, and I saw a young lady, being led out of the park in a fainting and deplorable condition, who had been knocked down by these ruffians, robbed, and exposed to gross insult. I am, yours faithfully,  
London, July 27.  
W. F. BEART.











## Historic hokum

A merciful providence erased the producer's name from the review tape of last night's *World in Action Special*, a documentary on the remarkable Irish rock group U2 (ITV). But one can guess at his identity. If he wrote the programme's *TV Times* billing, which described his subject as "a rock phenomena", then we know he is one of the semi-literate. And if he was responsible for the commentary that fell across the soundtrack in a series of soft

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thuds then he is one of the politically naive and historically ignorant.

The programme took the curious view that popular music was devoid of political muscle or social conscience until Bob Geldof made the desert boom with his *Live Aid* concert in 1985. U2, it was asserted, were now the bearers of the former Boomtown Rat's humanitarian torch. They had simply turned the wattage up to reach an audience that was young, international and huge.

The Beatles were offered as some vague spiritual antecedent, but there was no mention of Bob Dylan who, less than a generation ago, was the emblematic voice of the protest movement; nor of Dylan's own folk-music hero, Woody Guthrie, nor of the line of descent stretching back to the militant pub-singers and street musicians of Ireland's own past. Indeed it is the Irish folk tradition, musical as well as political, just below the rock-hard surface of U2's pop numbers that gives the group its thrillingly distinctive sound.

The documentary was built around a home-concert in Dublin, with concert scenes cut against interviews-on-the-run with group members themselves. The lead singer and principal song-writer, Bono, emerged as a man of gentle strength and sharp intelligence. He defined himself as an aggressive pacifist, adding that, while he admired Gandhi and Martin Luther King almost beyond criticism, he would himself be the last person to turn the other cheek.

If only they had let Bono and Co say more. Instead, they kept intruding their contemporary Irish symbols — an unemployed Dublin youth, a nurse worried about her career prospects and a mission-school graduate struggling to connect U2's lyrics with liberation theology. The boys deserved better than this.

Michael Dean

# A thrill of rediscovery

## GALLERIES

Edward Middleditch  
Castle, Norwich

William Gear  
Redfern

The Golden Age of  
Collage  
Mayor

and powerful construction lifting them right out of the period to which some of the "kitchen-sink" subject-matter might otherwise confine them: a painting like *Baby* (1952) at once proclaims its date, but is not at all dated.

Even stronger are the paintings and drawings of dark waters in motion, and of stripped, unyielding vegetation. A little later Middleditch began working in Spain, but as one might expect it is the harsh, dry upland that attracts him, not the lush plains: in the extraordinary landscape of Ronda he finds an unexpected common ground with Bomberg. Otherwise the Sixties represent a gap in the show, as presumably in his output, and the abstracted flower-pieces from that time reveal a loss of concentration for a richer colour-range. But then we come back irresistibly to the monochrome pictures of grain and grain-fields, apparently quite literal and minutely observed, but bathed in a weird half-light which imparts

a sort of mystical intensity slightly suggestive of Palmer.

In the last analysis Middleditch is a very English artist, hardly touched, even in Spain, by influence from abroad. William Gear is, in the same deeper sense, a very Scottish artist: something about his ruggedness, the spikiness of his forms, the sheer gritty integrity of the man is redolent of granite and conifers. But, as the show at the Redfern Gallery until August 5 reminds us, he has been Scottish in another, less parochial sense: the Auld Alliance has ensured that he has been more conscious than most of his English contemporaries of what was going on across the Channel, and in fact for three vital years of his early career, 1947-50, lived and worked in Paris. Not only that, but he was very closely associated with the artistic ferment of that immediately postwar era, and in particular knew and exhibited with the leading figures of the Cobra group in Amsterdam and Copenhagen as well as Paris.

With all the excitement about the "New Wild" painters of Germany and Italy in the last few years, the "Old Wild" represented by Cobra have been rather brushed aside and forgotten, though there are now many signs that interest is reviving. What the Redfern show reveals is that Gear was as wild and as passionate and as violent in his imagery as other, better-known figures of the group like Jorn and Appel. His is not an art, at this period or any other, that is easy to warm to. But then the idea of a Cobra artist looking for love is a contradiction in terms. If you're into shock, outrage, the uncomfortable image and unsparring attack on

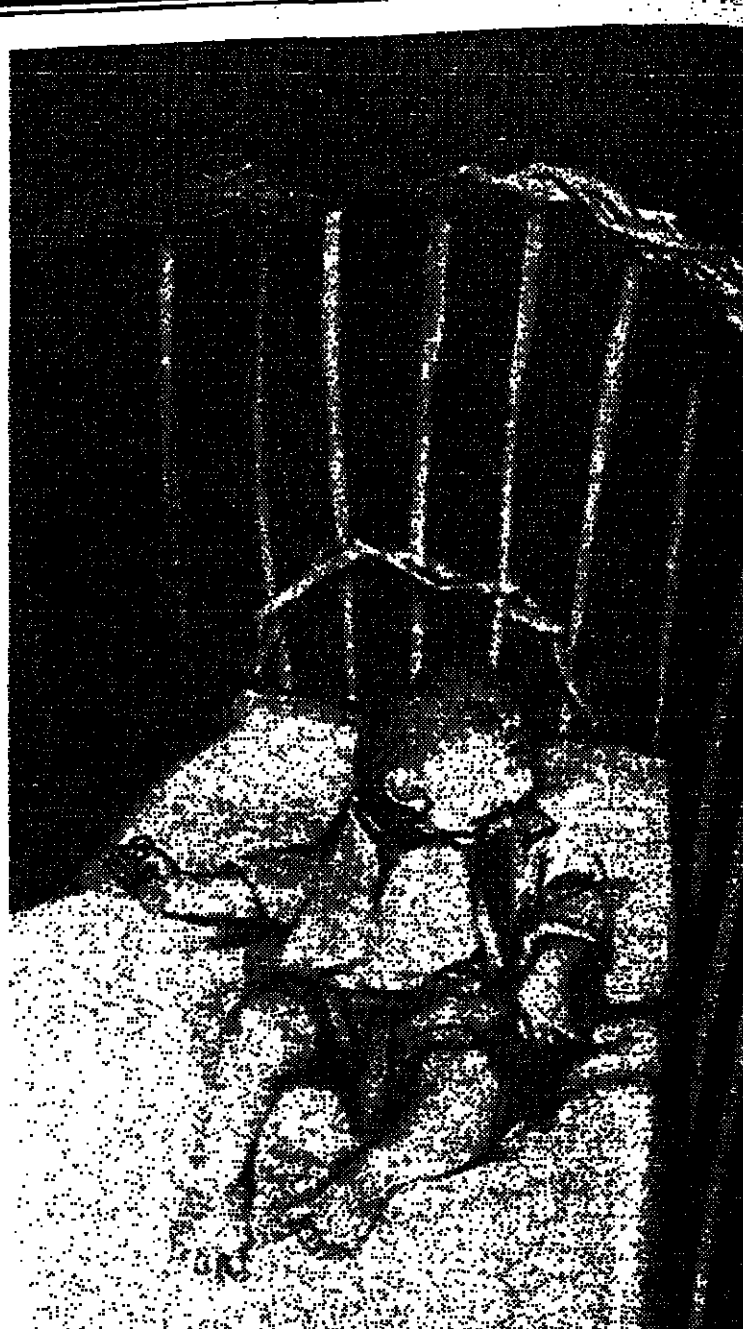
the nerves, then Gear of the Cobra years may well be your man.

Dada and Surrealist artists were also ready, indeed eager, to provoke shock and outrage, though in a wider variety of ways than Cobra, who contented themselves in the main with reflecting in the most direct way they could manage the violence and horror of the world around them. The title of the show at the Mayor Gallery until the end of the month (and probably beyond) is well chosen: the Dada and Surrealist era was indeed *The Golden Age of Collage*. And with good reason: the method of making new pictures by cutting up and rearranging pieces of old lent itself particularly well to provoking those psychological and spiritual dislocations which were the essence of the Surrealist attack on convention.

Many of the pieces in this rich and varied show are extremely funny. No doubt it is primarily playfulness that urges Max Ernst to send his Victorian girl up a ladder in quest of the butterfly at the top of the lamp-standard, but there is also something disquieting about the subtly erotic serpentine interventions. Man Ray's famous image of a woman's back turned into a stringed instrument has a bizarre inevitability about it which makes one wonder why no one thought of it before. Photo-collages like Georges Hugnet's *Racontant son existence de fil à plomb* use to the full the dreamlike possibilities of the most humdrum photographic image when cut loose from its original purpose on to a sea of erotic potentiality.

John Russell Taylor

Middleditch's *Baby* (1952): proclaiming its date, but not at all dated



## Instant gift for sketching character

Keith Baxter is all too familiar with the milieu of *Light Up the Sky*, the bitter-sweet Broadway comedy which opens at the Globe tonight: interview by Sheridan Morley

Keith Baxter: "I go into the theatre a little early to remind myself that it was all I ever wanted"



Written and first staged in America 40 years ago, though only ever seen in London for a brief Old Vic season the autumn before last, *Light Up the Sky* is Moss Hart without George S. Kaufman: a backstage comedy which does for Broadway what their *Once in a Lifetime* did for Hollywood. A story of actors in Boston with a play which is, they hope, going to make their fortunes if they can just get it right for New York, the script comes from Hart's heart by way of his clenched teeth. Elijah Moshinsky's production opens at the Globe tonight, starring Keith Baxter as the mercurial director.

Alone of the new cast, Baxter has spent several weeks of his life staying in precisely the Boston hotel where the play is set (the Ritz-Carlton) while engaged on very similar make-or-break ventures with new plays destined for long or overnight runs on Broadway. Indeed virtually half of his working life has been on that side of the Atlantic, including

a classical season with Maggie Smith at Stratford Ontario, although over here he is still most immediately associated with two highly successful stage thrillers, *Sleuth* and *Corpus*, while remaining so far outside any usual career pattern that he has never yet been asked to work at either the RSC or the National, despite an Antony, a Macbeth, a Caesar and a Benedict elsewhere.

*Sleuth* accounted for some of the best years of Baxter's life, he reckons, both here and in America:

"At first we were without a title. Shaffer had called it *Anyone for Tennis*, which I still like but others didn't. Then we tried *Death's Put On By Cunnings*, which is *Horatio* in *Hamlet*. After that, one morning in rehearsal, the Brighton poster arrived saying 'Sleuth, a Thriller', which neither Quaye nor I liked as we didn't want to vulgarize ourselves in a thriller, though it was in fact Tony's sharp intellect which had pulled the whole play together in rehearsal. But the producer

Michael White said we had to call it something on the poster, and that if on tour we found a better title we could have it. I quite liked *Foul Play*, but *Sleuth* was the one that stuck.

"My only regret there was losing the film to Michael Caine: I hadn't minded losing the King in *Man For All Seasons* to Robert Shaw, but *Sleuth* really hurt because I'd been with it from the beginning in London and New York."

By now, aware perhaps of an unusual actor's gift for instant character-sketches, Baxter had decided that he also wanted to write. "I have *The Times* and *Tennessee Williams* to blame for that. He and I had become friends in New York and he was always urging me to write. Something more than letters to him, so I did a memoir of E.M. Forster, whom I'd known in old age when I was in *Where Angels Fear to Tread*, and *The Times* published it across a whole page, which gave me the faith to

carry on. First I wrote an impossibly long play about a Welsh socialist whose politics had fallen into disarray, and then Patrick Garland asked me for a broad-stage piece for Chichester, so I wrote *Cavell* which unfortunately opened a week after the Falklands and got totally misunderstood as a play about patriotism, when in fact it was about the reverse of that.

"Tennessee Williams I loved: the only real genius I've ever worked with, and extremely modest. Everyone thought they had to protect him, which was nonsense because he was a real survivor, but he loved the theatre, and when he'd come out of the loony bin and was off the speed and the drink he used to sit at the side of the stage watching *Sleuth* night after night.

"I think after all the other drugs had failed him he still needed the drug of the theatre, and right through his *Red Devil Battery Sign*, which I directed, the miracle was that he went on trying to write. When he died I wrote a brief

memoir and some journalists instantly assumed I'd been his lover, which couldn't have been further from the truth, though it did curdle me of writing for a while."

Recently however there has been a new Baxter play, *Barnaby and the Old Boys*, seen in May at the Theatre Cylwyd in Wales:

"We got wonderful reviews and not a single manager from London near us, despite the fact that Shaftesbury Avenue was closing up and they were all complaining about a dearth of new plays. It's about a family gathered for Christmas for the last time before a house gets sold, and I've hopes of it coming to London next spring. But at least the writing takes away the agony of having a play close and nothing to do: it's that or the garden, so at home in Sussex by the sea I do the writing and my friend does the gardening. Then at night if I'm working I go into the theatre a little early and stand there to remind myself that it was all I ever wanted."

## Singing feast

### RECITAL

Schreier/Parsons  
Goldsmiths Hall

The queue for returns stretched down Foster Lane and almost to Chapside after nearly 10 years. London was hungry and thirsting to hear Peter Schreier, and the City of London Festival made sure that a real banquet was laid on.

Among those in the queue were a whole younger generation of Lieder fanciers who had never yet heard Schreier live. Not only reputation, but recent recordings, especially last year's *Winterreise*, had what their appetites. What they were looking for was that ability to turn a Liederabend into a heightened poetry reading, where music intensifies and performance quickens every word.

They might well have been content if all they had heard had been Schreier's "Heidenröslein" and "Die Forelle". They were sung as encores to an all-Schubert evening and, with their new-minted detail,

their ability still to take the ear by delighted surprise, they acted as a distillation of all that had gone before.

It was quite a programme. Schreier, accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons at his most perceptive, had begun with Schubert's last great songs, the *Schwanengesang*. One was struck again and again by his avoidance of primarily verbal interpretation. He listens first, and deeply, to what Schubert's music has to say about the words themselves; then he sculpts and re-creates each phrase, each stanza, according to his acute understanding of its musical sense.

Apart from the odd sharpening of the characteristic cutting edge of his top register, Schreier's tenor is unflinching in its strength and scope. No need to rest after the seven Relistab songs: the remaining six by Heine seemed to grow out of their momentum. "Der Atlas" bit definitely at each merciless repetition, and "Der Doppelgänger", sung in a blanching half-voice, was one of the most properly terror-stricken performances I have ever heard.

Hilary Finch

Walton and Pauline Munro) abet the affair, and try to pick up the pieces after a surprise visit from the real Mrs Davies.

The tension of an impending decision gives the second act more impetus. Bruce Montague maintains utter credibility as the ordinary, happily married family man, infatuated but never truly breaking with reality. His hopes of continuing a part-time liaison are unacceptable to Sara. As an independent divorcee with grown-up offspring she has less to lose in pressing for commitment, but Jennifer Wilson's otherwise attractive performance tends to archness when determination should be the keynote.

Vivian Ellis's specially written song "Somebody's Started to Love Me" sets the tone of the evening, and, while *The Fling* combines gentle wit with a poignant charm, it is a slight and rather staid piece for the King's Head.

Lucy Page

### THEATRE

The Fling  
King's Head

You can fall in love at any age and the feelings never change, they say. Yet the circumstances do, and a middle-aged holiday romance progresses in the bitter-sweet awareness that parting is inevitable but the security of "real life" is there to cushion the blow. In *The Fling*, by the Italian writer Asher, the characters toy with the idea of making their relationship permanent, but that too is part of the game.

Harry Davies and Sarah Davies — same name, no relation — find themselves mistakenly sharing a hotel room. A period of daggers-drawn reprieve leads to happy abandon then the gently comical routines of out-of-practice lovers. The staff of the Italian-style Fawley Towers (Patrick

### PROMENADE CONCERTS

Philharmonia/  
Sinopoli/  
Gillian Weir  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Mahler's Sixth Symphony is a powerful dramatic piece of music but it is also a symphony in the pure sense, its tensions arising from an extension of that form's conflict almost to breaking-point. The conductor's dilemma is whether to play the work to the gallery or to weigh his interpretation in favour of the abstract.

A few years ago Giuseppe Sinopoli, here making an overdue Proms debut, would have opted for the more sure approach, but in this performance he chose to let the piece's neuroses lie under the surface as far as possible. It is not possible in the finale, for there the music takes us down to hell with it whether we like it or not. But here it fitted into the scheme of things, because what had passed before, though on the cool side, was not complacent.

Rather, the first three movements were characterized by Sinopoli's controlled, somewhat aloof vision. Thus, for example, the tender Andante moderato, placed third, was more about poised passion. Most of the speeds were slow, which, together with the spacious acoustic, helped keep both architecture and texture clear, so that even the harps were invariably audible. (It was a clever ploy, incidentally, to distribute the cowbells throughout the percussion department in order to ensure a genuinely random clanging.) Until the end of the work, when tiredness produced the odd mishap, the orchestra gave of its considerable best in all departments, John Wallace's playing of the severely challenging principal trumpet part, in particular, was quite outstanding even for him.

Earlier, Gillian Weir's organ recital revealed two sad things. One was that the Albert Hall's mighty instrument is sounding a little wheezy these days, though the installation of a new blower, I am informed, is soon to change that. The other was that there

seems to be a dearth of really first-rate 20th-century organ music.

The rhythmic and technical complexities of Anton Heller's *Tanz-toccata* (1970) were often obliterated by the acoustics, the instrument's woolly attack (no fault of Miss Weir's) and the rule that says that, beyond a certain point, the louder music gets the harder it is to hear it. Petr Eben's "Walpurgisnacht", a transcription of a movement from his extended orchestral work *Fantasy*, all too naively contrasted evil and good; the one represented by barrel-organ sounds, the other by a chorus.

From an earlier epoch Jean Sibelius's *Toukko* dances conspicuously overworked, though from an earlier epoch still there was Franck's elegant *Choral No 2*, beautifully registered and, like everything else in the recital, meticulously delivered.

Stephen Pettitt

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# Snappy, happy mood of couture

The trend at the Paris fashion shows is, like the hemlines, on the up and up. The look is curvy, sexy and short

A new *jolie de vivre* is making Paris sizzle this summer — and it certainly is not the weather. Egged on by the growing enthusiasm worldwide for out-and-out glamour, Paris couturiers are in frivolous mood.

In the warrens of workrooms around the *faubourgs*, and under the sparkling chandeliers in the hotel ballrooms in which the couturiers parade their lines to the record crowds of fashion professionals, the mood, like the hemlines, is up, up, up.

Couture has a new hero in Christian Lacroix, whose show on Sunday opened not just his couture house but the week's schedule of shows. And fashion has a new line, endorsed by every designer, which is curvy, sexy and short. Come the autumn, every fashionable woman worth her salt should be wearing it.

Look at our snappy, happy line-up in the Place de la Concorde, wearing the latest clothes from the stars of Paris fashion, and hitch your hemline to where it flatters you most — on the knee bone, as in Karl Lagerfeld's new "egg-line" for Chanel, or in Dior's flared bell-shaped evening dress. Inch it even higher if you dare (and if your thighs can take it): fashion leaders have contrived to make even the micro-mini chic. The only compromise permitted with the new short hemlines is a skirt that dips asymmetrically at the back.

Hemlines rise even higher on coats, worn at seven-eighths length over the new short, short skirt. At Lacroix, Dior and Scherrer, the short swaggy coat has the added fullness of a bouncy shawl collar.

Jackets are carved to an hourglass silhouette worn long over slim line skirts or cropped to bare high waists and waist cinchers.

Fabrics from satin and tulle to bold dogtooth check tweeds and plaids are draped and wrapped into ever tauter and curvier lines; violet, tangerine, mustard yellow and Loden green join brown, grey, black and white as the hot colours. Men's tailoring cloth, such as whipcord and flannel, are cut in the new long-line jackets.

At Lacroix, a cross worn on a velvet ribbon neck band is the demure decoration for his low décolletés.

Karl Lagerfeld gives the Chanel suit new sensuous curves for 1988. Hips are rounded on longer jackets which button across bosomy bustier dresses. His new *décolletée* scoops daringly low in the shape of a lyre, with a bow nestling in the cleavage. Skirts are pannier style, which

swings the emphasis away from the bustle of recent seasons to add even more curve to the hips. Chanel's rounded egg-line takes to the Paris catwalks today.

The new New Look was celebrated at Dior's show yesterday not with a drop in hemline as in 1947, when Paris's most internationally celebrated couture house opened, but with the same extravagant use of fabric in big coats cut wide and swinging over the new short, short skirt. To emphasize the flirty new hemlines, Marc Bohan whips them around with mink and chinchilla, or stiffens them with wire to stand out like a bell.

New from the House of Dior is a less expensive ready-to-wear line called Dior 2 promised for next year.

Any inhibitions the other designers might have felt following the fireworks of Christian Lacroix's opening show on Sunday, were thrown to the wind with a series of sassy shows from establishment couturiers yesterday.

Even the House of Balmain, which kicked off the day's schedule, looked in unexpectedly lively form, parading short shorts for both day and evening. Balmain introduces the shorts suit for day in herringbone or striped tweed with a cropped jacket. At night, in satin or velvet, it comes cuffed on one leg with a jewelled garter. Coats are precisely fingertip length with pockets positioned right there on the hemline.

Jean-Louis Scherrer takes Vienna as his theme, opening with fox-trimmed skating skirts swirling inches above the knee. Loden, tweed and plaid are all encrusted with Tyrolean embroidery and braided frog fastenings worn with tiny plumed and veiled hats and fringed scarves. Artists of the Vienna secession are the inspiration for lush looking prints that gleam bronze like a Klimt painting. Even at night Scherrer's richly embroidered dance dresses are micro-short and glimpsed under long overskirts of black net.

Nastassia Kinski is the face signed by Emanuel Ungaro to launch a new scent this autumn. In his collection to be shown today Ungaro balances the sassiness of his short, short skirts with the primness of high collars.

Audiences are reacting enthusiastically to the new mood of couture. Paris designers are unanimous in proving that elegance need never look over-refined or boring and that sartorial nuttiness, or even naughtiness, when technically precise can be chic.



From left PATRICK KELLY: Orange dogtooth check tweed cocktail dress. YVES SAINT LAURENT: Pale green satin blazer edged in black tulle, black satin skirt. JEAN-LOUIS SCHERRER: Richly embroidered line satin dress, long tulle overskirt. KARL LAGERFELD'S "egg line" for CHANEL: Wide-scooped pannier dress in tangerine faille, hat with spotted veil. CHRISTIAN DIOR: Scarlet moire and black velvet ball dress, red cloqué swingy coat.

Hair by Valentin for Jean-Louis David, Paris. Make-up by Isabelle Farman. Photographs: OLIVIERO TOSCANI

## Some like it hot

You say haute couture. Patrick Kelly and I say hot — at least, when it comes to describing the line that he mischievously shows during couture week. Kelly is a gatecrasher into the world of couture and at the opening tomorrow night of his new salon in the Marais, Kelly's lady ladies will step out in a collection which even his invitation describes as a *clin d'oeil* — or wink — in the direction of haute couture.

Leopard print lines his minks. Tweed is sliced into ruffled micro-minis with trails of dotted ruffles. His signature multi-colour buttons can add up to 8,000 on any one outfit. Kelly couture is a laugh a minute and his customers, who range from the Princess of Wales to Grace Jones, love it.

A farm boy from Mississippi, Kelly was a hit in Atlanta with his earlier designs. In 1979 he set off for Paris and pitched a stall in St Germain to sell tube dresses run up out of jersey bought with an £80 loan. Now Kelly Couture will be available to order at Harvey Nichols.



Gatecrasher: Kelly and his *clin d'oeil* couture

## Young blood at Scherrer

Two glamorous young customers are the clue to why one long-established couturier seems to have lost all his inhibitions. Leonor, 16, and Laetitia, 18, daughters of the designer Jean-Louis Scherrer, are at the age to provoke papa into creating clothes with more exuberance than has been seen lately in this establishment couture house, whose customers range from Queen Noor of Jordan, Sophia Loren and Jacqueline Onassis to Anne-Aymone, the wife of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Leonor has graduated from modelling to embark on a film career. And Laetitia recently joined her father in his cou-



A youthful influence on papa: Laetitia and Leonor Scherrer

ture work rooms. She modelled a bride's dress at the end of her father's show yesterday. Scherrer is obviously pleased that his studio team has adopted his daughter. But he insists: "It is Laetitia's decision. I have not pushed her."

Specializing now in a look that is amusing and young while retaining its elegance, Scherrer told me that he would like to design for the Princess of Wales.

Photographs: HARRY KERR

## Leggy flourish for a new silhouette

The hemline dilemma facing couturiers this week is not whether it goes up or down but how to dress the expanse of leg. Thigh boots are one dashing and practical answer for winter. Ankle boots, as proposed by Balmain, seem to foreshorten rather than flatter the leggy line.

A red satin bow or a *trompe-l'oeil* jewelled garter to cuff short shorts is the sexy flourish

suggested by Erik Mortensen, the Danish designer who heads the House of Balmain. Obviously confident that his customer will bare her knees all winter, his hemlines are drawn a good four inches above the knees on both skirts and shorts. Even his bride wore a garter. Not a blue one, but diamond-encrusted.

A more traditional *frisson* of interest is added to legs at

Scherrer with seamed stockings, but sheer black tights, perfectly plain and worn with sleek high-heeled shoes, seem the most flattering way to show off the leg.

At Chanel, hemlines are marked with the pie-crust ruffle. And bands of fur trim short skirts and coats at both Dior and Scherrer.

Balancing the look at the top, hats are back to being

more like hats, rather than the extravagant carnival affairs of past seasons. Even at Lacroix, who made mad hats fashionable, the sombrero, the wide-brimmed Picador and shepherds' hats from the Camargue, make a severe frame at the top of the new silhouette.

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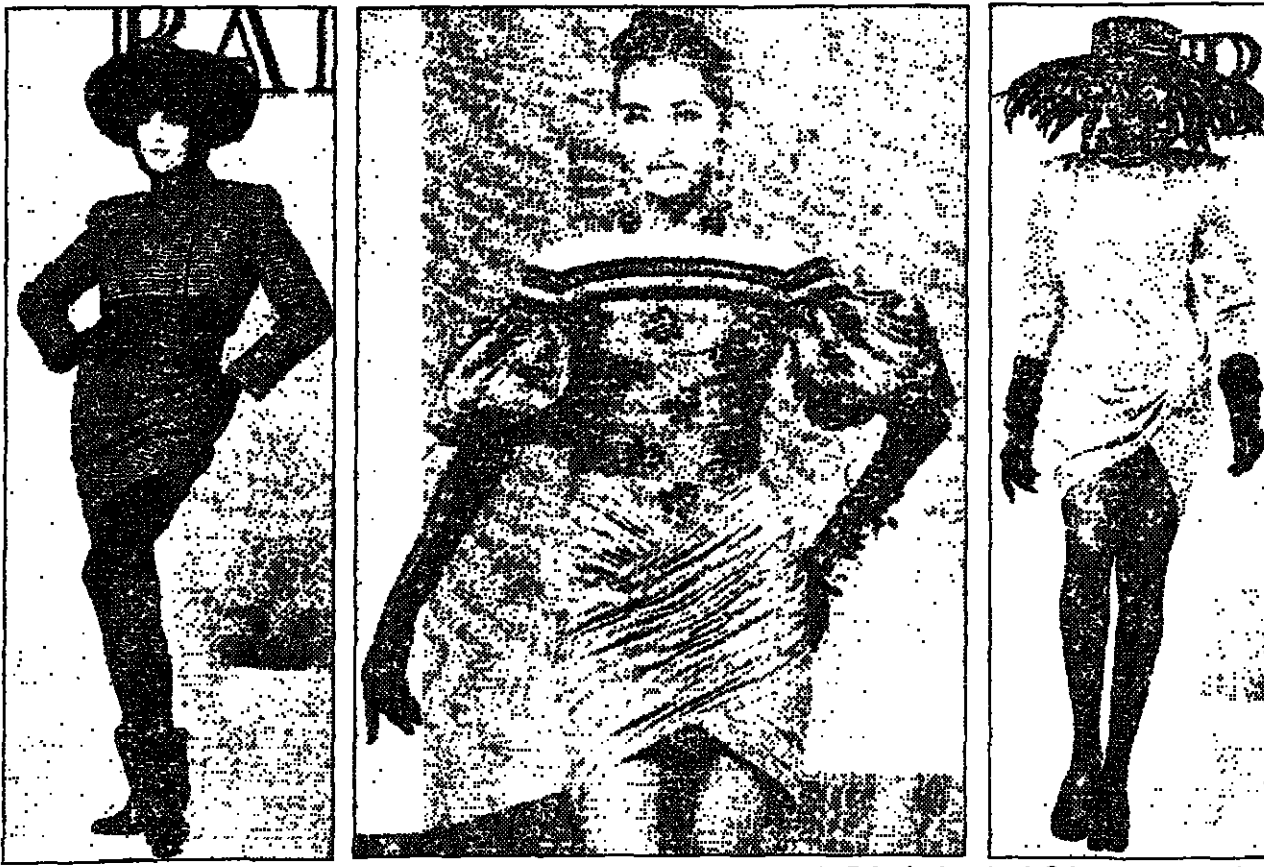
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Short and sassy: from left, sarong dress and cropped jacket in dog-tooth check tweed, by Balmain; Jean-Louis Scherrer's taut swathes of violet taffeta and Viennese embroidery; side-knotted dress in glossy black and white silk, by Balmain. Photographs: HARRY KERR

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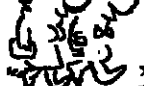
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schoolboy Jason Wetton, 13, as the young Christ, are taking part alongside an injection of professionals this year. "Mystery" meant trade or handicraft, and the plays were the preserve of the local workmen who wrote them, then acted them on two-bered carts, or pageants. At Coventry the mobile pageants have been superseded by a brand-new, open-topped stage, completed just in time for the opening. Previewing tonight, the plays will be done as a promenade performance



## TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM.  
6.35 Leon Errol in Texas Tough Guy (b/w) 5.55 Weather.  
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.  
8.35 The Pink Panther Show. Cartoons (r). 8.55 Regional news and weather.  
9.00 News and weather 9.05 Children's 9.05. Stephen Mayer presents the magazine programme which begins with a Boss Cat cartoon (r) and includes, at 9.30 Why Don't You?, Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r).  
10.00 News and weather 10.05 Newsround (r). 10.35 Play School presented by Iain Lauchlan and Lesley Woods.  
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5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Think Again presented by Johnny Ball (r). 5.35 Roll Harris cartoon (r).  
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.  
6.35 London Plus. 7.00 No Place Like Home. Arthur, fed up with his adult family reluctant to leave home, decides to buy a small house and rent his present home to the offspring. Starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood (r).  
7.30 EastEnders. Pete and Kathy are upset by a letter; Wilf is given a word of warning from Pat; Mary speaks up for the punks; and Carmel receives a visit from her brother. (Ceefax)  
8.00 Juliet Bravo. The Hartley police are caused trouble by a hymn singing religious fanatic and a lay preacher at the end of his tether. Starring Anna Carteret and David Ellison (r). (Ceefax)  
8.50 Points of View. 9.00 News O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.  
9.30 Play: Son of Man (b/w) by Dennis Potter. Colin Blakely, Robert Hardy, Bernard Hepton and Brian Blessed star in this controversial version of the gospel story, depicting Christ as a man capable of anger as well as compassion. Directed by Gareth Davies (r).  
11.00 Jasper Carrott - Stand Up America. Jasper Carrott introduces performances by the best of the stand-up comics in the United States including tonight Carl Linder, Glenn Hirsch and Dennis Wolfberg, from the Comic Strip in New York and The Improv in Los Angeles.  
11.30 Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery. Making and cooking noodles (r).  
11.55 Weather.

## BBC2

- 6.55 Open University: Living With Death. Ends at 7.30.  
9.00 Ceefax. 1.20 Pigeon Street (r). The opening overs of the final afternoon's play. 1.45 Ceefax.  
2.15 Glorious Goodwood. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of The Paul Masson Stakes (2.30), the Oak Tree Stakes (3.00), the William Hill Stewards Cup (3.30), and the about the challenges facing Japanese managers and the British workforce of the Komatsu company who took over an empty factory to the south of Newcastle a year ago.  
9.00 The Thing From Another World (1951, b/w) starring Kenneth Tobey and Margaret Sheridan. Classic science fiction adventure about a sole surviving "thing" from a crashed spacecraft which is put in captivity where it is found to live on blood. Directed by Christian Nyby. (Ceefax)  
10.25 Newsnight. 11.10 Weather. 11.15 Crick! Fourth Test. Highlights of the final day's play.  
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## STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share

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Bargains

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USM (Datastream)

214.75 (+0.39)

## THE POUND

US dollar

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Trade-weighted

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Gestetner

soars

to £8.5m

The new Australian

management team at

Gestetner, installed

in January, has made

its mark. Interim pretax

profits to the beginning

of May increased by two-thirds to £8.5

million on turnover up 12

per cent to £215.7 million. Mr

Basil Sellers, chairman and

chief executive, expects the

second half to be at least as

good as the first.

Because of the company's

unrelied advanced corpora

tion tax liability, the interim

dividend is unchanged at 0.5p.

Gearing is down to 24 per

cent from 50 per cent last

October. The shares rose 7p

yesterday to 285p.

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HBJ bid off

Mr Robert Maxwell's British

Printing &amp; Communication

Corporation ended its bid

battle for the US publisher

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

and all litigation after losing a

US court action seeking an

injunction against HBJ's \$23

billion (£14.3 million)

restructuring plan.

Newman joins

Sir Kenneth Newman, the

Commissioner of the Metro

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rector of Automated Security

(Holdings), a specialist elec

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Bristar buy

Bristar Group, the S&amp;W

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acquire Germain's, the Cali

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discussions are continuing.

## SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2491.07 (+5.74)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24104.98 (+140.07)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3348.87 (+3.27)
Amsterdam	Gen	3143.9 (+1.0)
Sydney	AO	1938.0 (same)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1931.00 (-4.0)
Brussels	Generale	2427.6 (+91.5)
Paris	CAC	415.3 (+1.3)
Zurich	SKA Gen	562.30 (same)
London	FT-A	88.37 (+0.02)
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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Williams Holdings	880p (+20p)
British Dredging	238p (+30p)
Christy Hunt	139p (+31p)
JJ Dyson	143p (+10p)
Bullough	520p (+15p)
Tax Holdings	163p (+70p)
VSEL Consortium	621p (+11p)
Barclay	76p (+10p)
Press Tools	148p (+14p)
SW Wood Group	142p (+14p)
Alloy Streamline	243p (+22p)
Widney	73p (+12p)
Brent Walker	413p (+15p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	170p (+40p)
Oliver Paper	170p (+40p)
Celestion Ind	59p (+13p)
Worcester Group	835p (+40p)
FALLS:	
Electronic Mach	485p (-24p)
ICI	1478p (-10p)
Glaxo	1735p (-21p)
Prices are as at 4pm	

## INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base:	9%
3-month interbank	9 1/2% - 9 3/4%
3-month eligible bills	9 1/2% - 9 3/4%
buying rate	
US: Prime Rate	8 1/4%
Federal Funds	6 1/4%
3-month Treasury bills	5.90 - 5.75%
30-year bonds	9 1/2% - 9 3/4%

## CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
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£/DM2.9664	£/DM1.8550
£/SwFr2.4592	£/SwFr1.5385
£/FFr6.8580	£/FFr6.1725
£/Yen240.42	£/Yen150.35
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## GOLD

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New York:	
Comex \$482.20-452.70	

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep)	pm \$19.20bbl (\$19.40)
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BAA dealings  
'too small'  
SE acts to parcel  
airports shares

By Ray Heath

Compulsory rules for transactions in BAA shares have been imposed on members of the Stock Exchange to reduce problems expected to be caused by a likely avalanche of sales by small shareholders when dealings start today.

Faced with the problems of dealing with thousands of blocks of only 100 shares, some of the City's biggest market-makers have refused to deal in the shares. When dealings start at 9.00am today, there will be only seven market-makers, compared with nine for Rolls-Royce, a similar-sized issue, and 18 for the much larger British Gas.

Leading dealers that have declined to trade in the airport management group said they foresaw big problems resulting from the decision to parcel up BAA shares in lots of only 100.

"To be quite blunt, the thought of dealing with pages and pages of paper for 100 shares a time just didn't appeal," said one large dealer.

A spokesman for Kleinwort Greaveson, also missing from the list of dealers, explained that the decision was a question of resources. "We took the view that we didn't need another enormous amount of small bargains to be dealt in when we are trying to deal with the backlog we already have," he said.

"We are trying not to create problems for ourselves. While we know we are turning away business, we have plenty of other things to do. The risk-reward ratio looks the wrong way to us," said a spokesman for Scrimgeour Vickers.

The decision to aim BAA at small investors by refusing all applications of more than 1,000 shares in the fixed price issue made at 345p, and allocating 100 shares each to every other applicant, is regarded in some parts of the City as the last straw for an already suffering camel.

A contingency plan introduced by the Exchange to al

viate the problem was welcomed but is expected to have only a marginal effect.

The scheme limits dealers to issuing only 100 settlement documents a day for BAA. To keep within this limit they will be required to lump together deals, which will then be settled as one bargain.

"We were worried about wheelbarrows of paper being carried around the market," said a Stock Exchange official. New issues are dealt through letters of allotment and do not use the Talisman computerized settlement system.

The Exchange will provide facilities whereby dealers can bundle up bargains. This system has been offered before, but faced with a back-room crisis the Exchange has declared it compulsory for BAA.

On the grey market yesterday, BAA shares traded at 142 1/2p - a 4 1/2p premium on the £1 partly-paid shares.

## GEC to buy Gilbarco

By Michael Tate

GEC confirmed yesterday that it had agreed to buy the US-based Gilbarco for about \$250 million (£155.6 million) in cash, in a move designed to establish the group as a major international player in the petrol pump market.

Gilbarco, based at Greensboro, North Carolina, is the world's leading supplier of fuel dispensing and related petrol station products, and numbers Exxon, Shell, Texaco, Mobil and BP among its customers. It claims 40 per cent of the US market and a large share of total sales in the rest of the world.

It is a field in which GEC already has a strong presence in Britain, where it has a 40 per cent share of the market through its Avery-Hardoll subsidiary, and in New Zealand, through PM Services.

The acquisition is thought to be the first in a series of moves under consideration by Lord Weinstock, the managing director of GEC, although



Lord Weinstock: first in a series of moves

Mr Malcolm Bates, his deputy managing director, declined yesterday to confirm or deny that further acquisitions were in the pipeline.

"I don't understand the speculation in the market," he said, "but I don't want to say any more than that."

Among benefits of the deal is the fact that GEC's extensive electronics expertise will be made available to Gilbarco,

which has been among the US pioneers of the electronic petrol dispenser. GEC's Avery division has led the way on electronic point of sale equipment, and Mr Bates believes the deal opens up thousands of US garages to Avery.

At the same time, GEC will be able to make use of Gilbarco's distribution network around the world to expand its sales of aviation fuelling and bulk metering equipment, electronic point of sale terminals and retail management systems.

Gilbarco was owned by Exxon until December when it was the subject of a management buyout, backed by Citicorp Venture Capital, Prudential-Bache International and BancBoston Capital.

In 1986, Gilbarco made profits of \$24.6 million on a turnover of \$252.4 million, and in the first quarter of the current year reported a profit of \$7.7 million on a turnover of \$60.6 million.

## Goldsmith in French share sale

Paris (AFP) - Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, has sold his 51 per cent in Trocadero Participations, the main shareholder in Generale Occidentale (GO), where it accounts for 34 per cent of the equity, to the Compagnie Generale d'Electricite (CGE). CGE, which was recently privatized, held 49 per cent of Trocadero via Compagnie Electro-Financiere and Alphasud.

The capital of Alphasud is 53.6 per cent owned by Compagnie Electro-Financiere, 36.2 per cent by UAP, a French insurance company, and 10.2 per cent by Credit Lyonnais, the bank.

As a result of this disengagement, Sir James directly holds a stake of under 5 per cent in GO, which controls the French Press groups of Express-Lire and Presses de la Cite.

## Elders may split itself into four

By Lawrence Lever

Elders IXL, the drinks, pastoral and finance conglomerate, is considering proposals to divide itself into four separately quoted companies.

The proposals come from AFP Investment Corporation, an Australian investment group which owns Gestetner in Britain and is associated with two former Elders' directors.

Last week, AFP secured options over 15 per cent of Elders from Goodman Fielder which increased its total options to a maximum of 35 per cent of Elders.

Elders would place its brewing interests - Fosters Lager, the Courage group and Carlton and United Breweries - into a separately quoted company.

Elders Finance Group would hold the finance interests while the Elders Agri



Elliott: to be chairman of the four new companies

business Group, would hold Elders' pastoral and international agricultural interests.

These three companies would remain partly-owned subsidiaries of Elders. A fourth company would be created to hold Elders' 18.7 per cent stake in Broken Hill Proprietary.

All four companies would have a separate board chaired by Mr John Elliott, the present chairman of Elders.

Pre-privatization price increases well above average  
Keeping industry's head above water

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

As the run-up to the privatization of the water industry gains momentum, a report to be published this week shows that British industry has paid water price increases well above the international average in the past year.

The annual survey of world water costs by National Utility Services shows that the 6.6 per cent rise faced by British business users in the 12 months to July is the second highest of the 10 countries surveyed and compares with a British inflation increase of 4.1 per cent.

In spite of the price rise, however, British companies still pay less than half the price faced by their West German or Belgian counterparts and considerably more than those in Australia, France, and Sweden.

NUS says that with water privatization now a virtual certainty in Britain, the latest price rise "reflects the industry's struggle to strike a balance between raising enough revenue to maintain the development of its services and the equally important need to keep the image of the industry high and price rises

low, to encourage potential investors."

NUS stresses that water authority chairmen are divided in their support for the Government's privatization plans, with some strongly opposed to the newly-announced amended scheme that would entail splitting the industry into two main functions.

Under the revised scheme, the newly-privatized water services companies would have responsibility for the collection, treatment and distribution of water and sewage, while the National River Authority would be formed to handle "potentially sensitive" areas such as pollution control, land drainage and river management.

A new regulatory authority similar to those introduced for telecommunications and gas would probably be set up by a director general of water services.

"The introduction of this new structure will probably bring with it a reformed, more flexible pricing policy aimed at tailoring more closely prices paid for water against demand," says NUS.

Aspects such as peak demand, day and night usage and block tariffs probably would be covered, plus an improved system for sewage charging.

"If the Government continues to extend its current plan to do away with general rates, it is also likely that the urgency will be increased for the introduction of some new form of charging for water," says NUS.

This could be similar to the poll tax proposed by the Government to replace general rates and take account of the number of people occupying a building.

The NUS survey shows that Italian water prices are the cheapest in Europe - half those charged in the Irish Republic. Sweden, which raised water prices by a hefty 27.5 per cent last year, is still in fifth place out of the 10 countries surveyed.

British prices average just under 28p per cubic metre compared with 60p in West Germany, 24p in the United States and 13p in Canada.



Good news at Reuters: managing director Glen Renfrew on course for annual growth target

## Reuters justifies rating with profits of £81.6m

By Joe Joseph

Reuters, the international news agency and business information group, yesterday reported a 42.6 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £81.6 million, beating even the best City forecasts.

Analysts said the results went some way towards justifying the very high rating Reuters commands on the stock market, where its shares have raced 14 per cent ahead of an already galloping market over the past year.

The share price, up 9p to 877p last night, is likely to receive an extra boost when Reuters is quoted in Japan, although there are doubts that the agency will meet its original autumn target for a Tokyo listing.

Mr Glen Renfrew, Reuters' managing director and chief executive, said: "The business is doing extremely well. New orders are flowing in at a record rate."

"Foreign exchange and money markets remained the

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major source of growth in absolute terms."

The number of Reuters video terminals relaying news, currency rates and stock prices around the world has grown to 121,238 from 85,799 a year ago. The biggest jump was in Asia, which is likely to provide Reuters' best growth prospects for the next two years.

Mr Renfrew said the second half of the year was unlikely to be as good as the first half, largely because growth in the second half of last year was particularly strong. But he added Reuters was still on course to meet its growth target of about 25 per cent to 30 per cent a year.

Revenue rose 49.3 per cent to £400.4 million and earnings per share by 43.1 per cent to 12.2p. There will be a half-year dividend of 2.3p, up from 1.75p previously.

Analysts have already lifted their forecasts for the full year. Miss Bronwen Maddox at Kleinwort Greaveson, the stockbroker, is looking for pretax profits of about £174 million for the full year.

## Majority votes to split Hogg

By Colin Campbell

Hogg Robinson shareholders yesterday voted by an overwhelming majority to split their company into two separately quoted parts, thereby rejecting the cash offer of 600p from the TSB Group.

There were 16.9 million votes for demerger and 5.2 million against, Mr Albert Wheway, the chairman, announced. The TSB offer has now lapsed.

Hogg Robinson shares have recently traded well above the 600p cash bid in the belief that there would be a counter-bid. But while no counter bidder appeared before yesterday's extraordinary general meeting, bid speculation is far from dead.

The shares stood at 619p yesterday, though down from their 633p close on Friday. Now that the group is split into two, a bid for either the travel and/or the insurance broking arm is feasible.

On Friday, the Takeover Panel said it could not give a ruling until after yesterday's EGM, and until it had talked with all parties, whether a fresh bid for either part of the group would be permitted by the TSB and Dewey Warren.

The TSB was the initial bidder for the whole of Hogg Robinson on condition that shareholders rejected the demerger proposals. In turn, it had an agreement to sell to Dewey Warren the insurance side for £116 million cash.

Under the City code, companies are not allowed to relaunch a bid for 12 months. However, now that there are two separate identities either party may have grounds for a fresh approach.

## 'Change tax laws to cover currency'

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

A committee of industrialists, bankers, accountants and tax experts yesterday recommended that the taxation law be changed to bring currency fluctuations into the tax net.

The working party, in response to a Treasury request in February, has called for tax relief on foreign currency borrowing losses and taxation on foreign currency borrowing gains to be introduced in the 1988 Finance Bill.

This system would allow broad parity of treatment between different groups of taxpayers and would be symmetrical in its treatment of gains and losses. Foreign currency gains and losses would be taxed or relieved without regard to the nature and tax treatment of the assets financed.

Currency fluctuations are at present regarded as capital gains or losses and are not taxed or relieved.

The working party said there were strong arguments against taxing national gains in the value of currency borrowing just as there were against taxing unrealized profits on capital assets. Currency gains and losses should, therefore, be taxed on a realization basis, although exceptions would sometimes have to be made to protect the interests of the Inland Revenue.

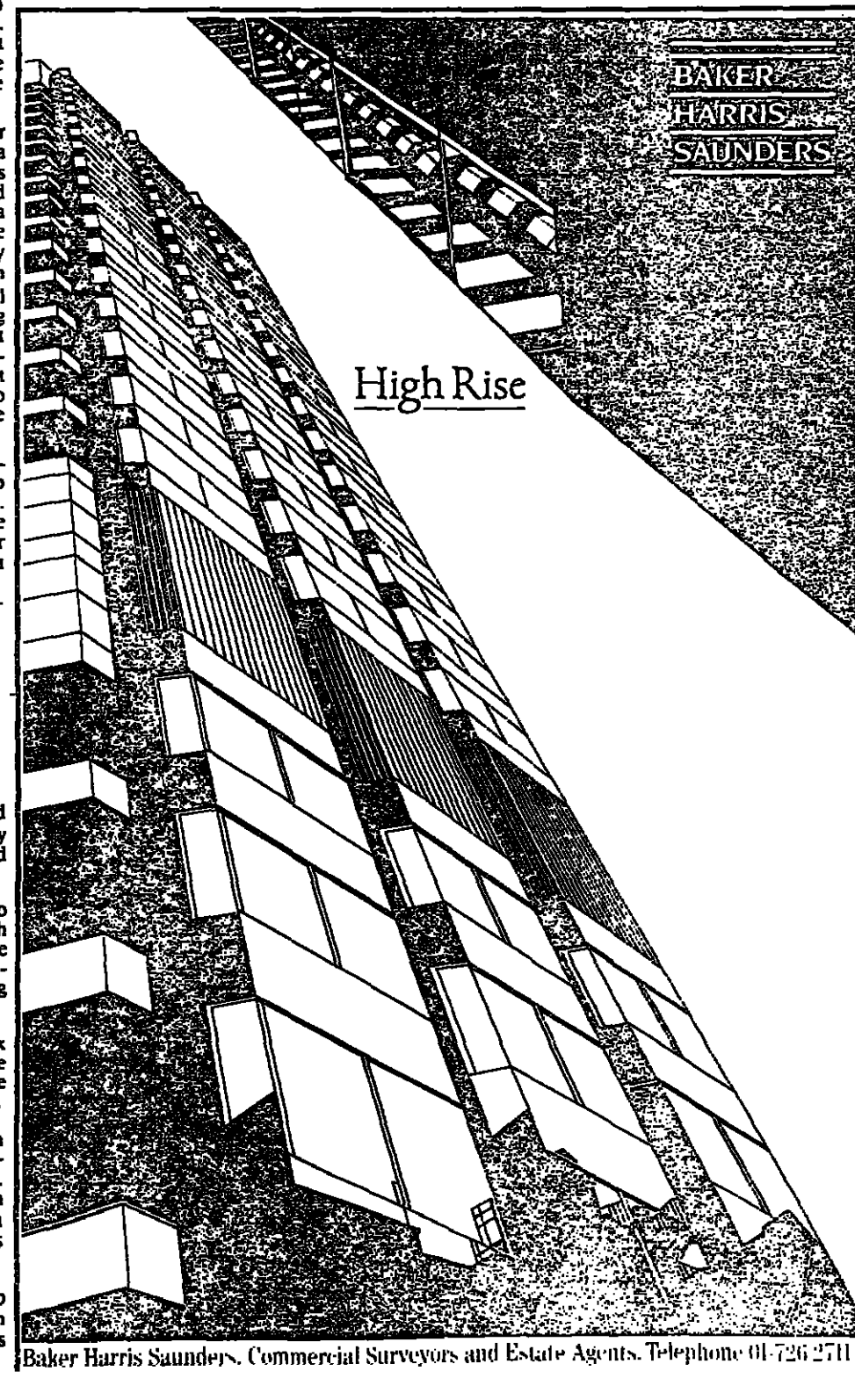
The working party included members of the Confederation of British Industry, the Association of British Insurers, the Association of Corporate Treasurers, the British Bankers' Association and the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

"The market just slid and slid there has been no support whatsoever," said Mr John Sheppard, an economist at Warburg Securities.

Most people were drawing parallels, he added, not with 1973 but with last year when sterling weakened sharply over the summer, forcing a base rate increase in the autumn.

The key indicator for the markets, the CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey, will be published at 11.30 today.

Paradoxically, the best news for the gilt-edged market would be an indication from the survey that there has been a weakening of demand in Britain, which would calm overheating worries. The worst news would be any sign that export growth is fading.



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## BUSINESS SUMMARY

## Cement Roadstone in \$13.5m US deals

Cement Roadstone Holdings, Ireland's largest industrial company, is adding to its international interests with two US acquisitions costing a total of \$13.5 million (£8.4 million).

The group's 50 per cent associate company, Boorhem-Fields, paid \$9 million for St Francis Materials of Arkansas, which produces 2 million tons of aggregates annually. Trading profits in the year to the end of November were \$1.4 million. CRK's Carter Concrete subsidiary bought Miller Material for \$4.5 million. It produces concrete masonry in Kansas City and made \$1.2 million trading profit last year.

## Bonn surplus narrows

West Germany's current account surplus narrowed in June to a provisional DM4.6 billion (£1.5 billion) from an upwards revised DM7.8 billion in May, the Federal Statistics Office said. The trade surplus fell to a provisional DM8.3 billion in June from DM10.6 billion in May. The June current account surplus compared with DM4.3 billion a year earlier.

## PR firm sold to rival

Broad Street Group, the public relations and advertising organization, is buying its rival, Financial Dynamics, for an initial £1.25 million payment with 2 million new shares. Just under 400,000 of these are being placed by Financial Dynamics, which cannot sell the rest of the shares for at least two years in terms of the agreement. The two consultancies will remain autonomous and continue to operate independently.

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## Hawley buys cleaning firm

The Hawley Group, chaired by Mr Michael Ashcroft (right), is buying Aus\$31 million (£13.7 million) cash for the Berkeley Group of companies. Berkeley is a large cleaning and building services group operating in New Zealand and Australia. Hawley has now completed the purchase of the US company Crime Control for US\$51 million (£32 million).



## Caima profit forecast

Companhia de Celulose do Caima, the operating arm of Eucalyptus Pulp Mills, expects to more than double profits in the present year to \$8.6 million against \$4.1 million. The forecast, qualified because of the differences between Portuguese and British accounting practices, accompanies details of Caima's expected one-for-five rights issue. This will raise £27 million for expansion into value-added timber products, 50 per cent more than the figure mooted two months ago.

At that time, Eucalyptus, where Ibbotson Johnson, the brick maker, has a 42.6 per cent stake, trimmed its holding in Caima from 93.1 per cent to 76.43 per cent, to widen Caima's share ownership and raise the cash to support the Caima issue. Eucalyptus has said it will take up its rights.

## STOCK MARKET

## Dealers expect ICI profits to restore some confidence

By Geoffrey Foster

Dealers, wondering where the next piece of good news is to come from to help arrest the slide in equity share values, should look no further than this Thursday, the day that Imperial Chemical Industries, the market bellwether, announces its second-quarter results.

Analysts are convinced that the figures will be good and, if what Mr Christopher Marsay, an analyst at Kleinwort Greaveson, says is true, the shares should start to accelerate and, at the same time, restore some confidence to the market.

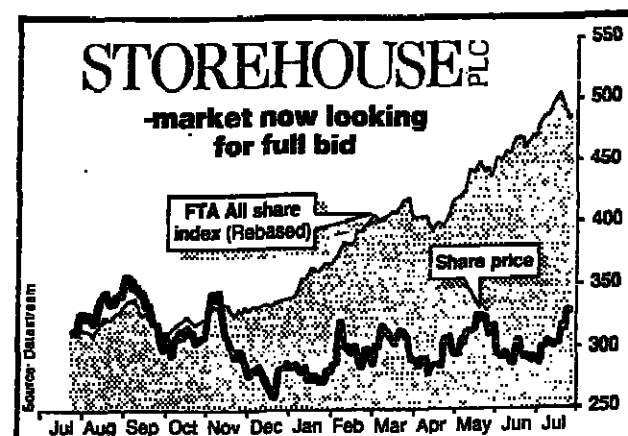
He expects second-quarter pretax profits to rise by 29 per cent to £345 million, giving £679 million for the half-year and the shares to undergo a significant re-rating in the autumn.

ICI is enjoying a strong upturn in European chemicals demand, which is rising from the low point of 1985-86. Investors now have a good opportunity to acquire cheap stock while the price is being held back by fund-raising talk. The shares gave a particularly resilient performance yesterday, closing 2p better at £14.87 after a turnover of 1 million shares.

Elsewhere, the new trading account got off to a miserable start. Talk of the Government being about to raise interest rates to dampen credit demand, slacken consumer spending and to cool an overheating economy demoralized gilt-edged stocks which closed with falls of more than 1½% and also served to depress equities.

Additionally affecting sentiment in equities were fears that the market settlement system might break down as a result of the growing weight of privatization issues - dealings in BAA are scheduled to start today - and that large defaults may materialize over the next few weeks.

So, with these adverse factors and last week's disappointing economic data still fresh in their minds, market-makers marked prices sharply lower at the outset and, by just after 10am, the FT-SE 100 showed a fall of 31.2. However, little selling developed and prices later rallied, helped



by the firmer opening on Wall Street and the index finally ended 13 points down at 2,333.9.

The FT index of 30 shares displayed a fall of 24.7 points at its worst, but ended the session 10.8 lower at 1,834.2. Two newcomers to the market ignored the surrounding malaise and both scored sizeable premiums. Kingsgrange, the London-based specialist in the design, manufacture and marketing of toiletry and skin-care products, placed at 140p, through Shearson Lehman Securities, the broker, opened

Shares of Mr Asif Nadir's Polly Peck once again remained remarkably firm, improving by 2p to 322p. The City's confidence in this international trading group has now been fully restored with the experts impressed by Mr Nadir's expansion moves in the agriculture and electronics businesses. The stories in the market are that more deals are in the pipeline.

at 192p and touched 195p before closing at 190p - a premium of 50p.

Meanwhile, Kentish Property Group, which specializes in residential property development and trading in the north, east and docklands areas of London, opened at 236p - compared with the placing price of 185p - touched 248p and then closed at 235p, also for a premium of 50p. The shares were placed by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank.

Storehouse, the leading retailer developed by Sir Terence Conran, which includes such household names as Habitat Motocare, British Home Stores, Richard Shops and Heals, continued to attract considerable interest - which left the shares 10p higher at 335p - following a turnover of well above 10 million shares.

Investors have recently sup-

ported the shares in the belief that Sir Terence was on the verge of announcing an ASDA/MFI-type sale. The group's last set of trading figures was disappointing and there was talk that the board had decided to take some sort of remedial action and live-off the Motocare business, leaving it to concentrate fully on the development of the BHS and Habitat chains.

However, dealers were of this opinion yesterday that a takeover for Storehouse is now more likely. The talk suggests that Sir Terence is now a willing seller and that Mr Stanley Kalms's Dixons Group or Woolworth were ready to step in for the £1.3 billion retailing group. Even Hanson Trust was being mentioned in some quarters as being a possible bidder.

A takeover bid for Storehouse would not surprise some analysts who feel that since the Habitat Motocare-British Home Store merger in 1985, the group's performance has been disappointing. Some feel that Storehouse has lost its way and Sir Terence's magic touch. The company's annual meeting is being held today and so some interesting questions could well be aimed at the top table.

Apricot Computers, the Birmingham-based group which recently abandoned the battle for control of Wordplex, the troubled word-processing group, leaving the way clear for Norsk Data, was the

subject of takeover talk itself yesterday.

Dealers were suggesting that Philips of Holland may be interested and the shares moved against the trend, improving by 1p to 113p.

Shares in that perennial takeover favourite, Office and Electronic Machines, a distributor of electronic typewriters and word processors, jumped by 15p to 275p as speculation intensified yesterday that the long-awaited bid was about to materialize.

The word in the market is that a bid for OEM, capitalized at £15.8 million, is imminent with Overseas Strategic Investments of Australia - which recently increased its holding to 10.3 per cent - being the favourite to bid.

Apparently, it has now acquired Hilldown Holdings' 14 per cent, plus Olivetti of Italy's near-12 per cent stake, in OEM and is ready to use OEM as its British vehicle.

Those companies usually associated with the name of Mr Robert Holmes & Court claimed a fair amount of attention. Morgan Grenfell, the beleaguered merchant bank in which Dwyer Warren, the Lloyd's insurance broker controlled by Mr Holmes & Court, recently acquired a 5.19 per cent stake, advanced by 9p to 545p as word went around the market that DW is on the verge of acquiring Willis Faber's 20 per cent holding in the merchant bank.

At the same time, dealers were also dreaming that Mr Holmes & Court may be at last ready to make a move on Sears, the Selfridges-to-Saxone retail group which has stated assets of £1 billion against a market capitalization of £2.6 billion. Sears's shares moved up by 4.5p to 179p as about 7 million shares changed hands on confirmation that Mr Holmes & Court's Bell Group had increased its stake in the company to 5.51 per cent. Dealers believe that a bid could soon follow.

Still on bid hopes, Costain, the construction and mining group, advanced by 16p more to 376p as speculators remained convinced that Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, was about to launch a bid.

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## Gestetner lines up for success

It is all too easy for a business built up around a product that was revolutionary in its time to rest upon its laurels. This was part of Gestetner's problem.

Failure to come up with a strategy for the future did not help and the situation was exacerbated by a commitment to the idea that Gestetner's strength was in manufacturing. The previous management team did not recognize that a fast moving market was leaving the group behind.

The new management team, in position since January, is free from misconceptions and family ties. It can be more objective and has identified the famous brand name and extensive distribution and servicing network as definite strengths.

Trying to compete with the majors in the expensive research and development field made little sense so R&D work on the Desk Top Publishing venture is to cease. Software will be bought and marketing restricted to the European arena.

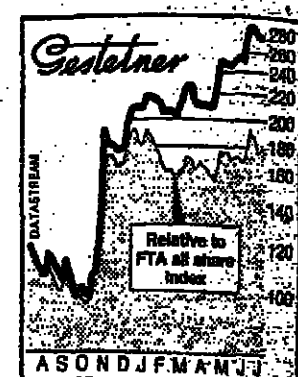
International marketing is to become focused and the existing range of products will be enhanced to increase volume. This should at least offset the 10 per cent annual decline in the traditional stenciling market.

These moves and others, outlined in the "Group Revival Plan," are costing £9.5 million below the line and should do much to restore Gestetner to a near-normal state of health. Indeed, the strategy implemented so far is having a positive effect.

By the year end, net margins should have crept up to 4 per cent - a good improvement but still well below the 8 per cent target. Achieving the required return should come in time and would have the effect of doubling 1986-87 expected profits of £17 million.

Thereafter, the group needs to look for a strong source of volume growth. Searching for new products that can be distributed through the extensive network is the obvious route; joint ventures with manufacturers should not be ruled out.

The new management has the application and determination to make Gestetner's assets earn their way, so shareholders should wait around to reap the rewards.



## Mountleigh

Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh Group has shouldered its way south from its unfashionable Leeds base to become the fourth-largest property company in Britain.

Six years ago, it was a small textile company sitting on some neglected land. After the £365-million acquisition of the Stockley property group, it has become a £700 million force.

Mountleigh yesterday reported £33.5 million pretax profits for last year, up from £29.2 million and confirming expectations. The share price was 3p up at 307p.

Mountleigh belongs to the relatively new variety of property company whose main aim, and proven skill, is in trading rather than investment.

Mr Clegg and his team have developed the ability to spot assets with an immediate re-sale premium. Indeed, in April he paid £22 million for the former home of *The Times* in Gray's Inn Road, London. He is now considering an offer substantially in excess of this amount.

Mountleigh has disposed of most of the portfolio acquired from London City & Westfield Properties and sold for £20 million its 48,000 sq ft office development in Victoria Street, London.

Other large London deals included the purchase and sale of development sites at Bankside and Sackville Street.

Mountleigh's portfolio includes an interest in two large sites in the City of London - Beaufort House and Paternoster Square.

Mr Clegg believes property values in Britain are stable and could increase if investment continues to come in from overseas, particularly Japan.

## Reuters on cue

It has almost reached the stage where the City would go into shock if Reuters reported a profit increase of less than, say, 30 per cent.

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Yesterday's dizzy 42.6 per cent advance in interim pretax profits again brought the buoyant - but still too sober - predictions of most City analysts. Presumably they will now start calculating their forecasts for Reuters' profits, adding a few millions for good measure.

There are still hurdles to overcome. Reuters has bitten off a lot over the past two years and needs time to digest its new acquisitions before going shopping again. It also needs to make a bigger imprint in the US market.

Meanwhile, Reuters finds itself happily trapped in a virtuous circle.

Financial services continue to boom, widening the audience for its business information and dealing services.

As barriers between stock markets crumble, traders look for news and dealing systems that give the latest on what is happening on the other side of the planet and the means of doing something about it.

The greater the number of markets that a dealer in New York, London or Tokyo can tap into simultaneously, the more complex the trading strategies become for taking advantage of disparities between prices in each market. In turn, the more sophisticated and profitable those financial markets become, the greater the demand for the services of a company like Reuters.

Until this circle cracks, Reuters will probably rake it in.

## Powell Duffryn in £2.9m expansion

## COMPANY NEWS

Powell Duffryn, the industrial group, is building up its UK Petroleum Products subsidiary with the purchase of the fuel distribution interests of Hunting Petroleum Services, Fuel-Fast and Oakley Fuels, for £2.9 million. Operating in the Midlands and South-east, they are equally split between petrol and heating oil distribution.

Powell has increased the size of UKPP by 50 per cent since its acquisition in 1985. Including this latest purchase, turnover in this fuel distribution business is now about £125 million.

## In brief

● **NORSK HYDRO:** Results for the second quarter of this year. Operating revenue 14.17 billion kroner (£1.3 billion), against 14.17 billion kroner. Operating income 1.14 billion kroner (£802 million kroner). Pretax income 1.08 billion kroner (£405 million kroner). Earnings per share 5.40 kroner (1.20 kroner).

● **JOHNSTON'S PAINTS:** Interim dividend 1.76p for six months to May 30. Turnover £7.05 million (£6.20 million). Pretax profit £595.548 (£546.630). Earnings per share 3.69p (1.38p).

● **ROMNEY TRUST:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 1.65p (1.65p). With figures in £000: Gross revenue 1,271 (1,480). Pretax revenue 812 (890). Earnings per share 1.84p (2.03p).

● **ELBIEF:** Year to April 30. Total dividend 1.48p (1.89p). With figures in £000: Turnover 4,220 (4,303). Pretax profit 402 (603). Earnings per share 1.58p (2.61p).

● **BTS GROUP:** Final dividend 2.95p, making 4.25p, for the year to March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 10,527 (9,096). Pretax profit 511 (594). Earnings per share 7.44p (9.37p).

● **DERBY TRUST:** Six months to June 30: Dividend and interest (including tax credits) £909.236 (£836.151). Earnings per income share 4.75p (4.25p). Asset value per capital share £3.89 (£3.06).

● **BRITISH BLOODSTOCK AGENCY:** Total dividend unchanged at 8.9p for the year to March 31. With figures in £000: Gross revenue 60,392 (76,940). Turnover 5,538 (5,486). Pretax profit 745 (1,234). Earnings per share 11.9p (20.8p).

● **LEADING LEISURE:** Results for the 28 weeks to May 16. Interim dividend 0.4p (0.3p), payable on September 28. With figures in £000: Turnover 13,898 (7,081). Pretax profit on ordinary activities 662 (378). Earnings per share 1.7p (1.1p).

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**Laidlaw term**

By Michael Tate

The Laidlaw Group, a long-established firm, is now being taken over by a consortium of investors. The group, which has been in the business of property and construction for over 100 years, is being acquired by a consortium of investors. The group, which has been in the business of property and construction for over 100 years, is being acquired by a consortium of investors.

**Auditors seek new image**

By Carol Ferguson

The Auditors' Association is seeking to improve its image. The association, which represents auditors in the UK, is seeking to improve its image. The association, which represents auditors in the UK, is seeking to improve its image.

**Wheeler dealers at Ford**

Good Durrant Murrell is a dealer for Laidlaw, a firm dealer which supplies Ford's own employees. Durrant Murrell, who has been in the business for over 100 years, is now being taken over by a consortium of investors. The group, which has been in the business of property and construction for over 100 years, is being acquired by a consortium of investors.

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# Laidlaw agrees to £26m terms of Goode takeover

By Michael Tate

Laidlaw Group, the Edinburgh Ford dealer which yesterday confirmed it had agreed a £26 million takeover by Goode Durrant, is expected shortly to complete the acquisition of BSG International's three Ford main dealerships for between £12 million and £15 million.

The acquisition of the three franchises, two in Birmingham and one in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, is expected to take place once Ford Motor, which has traditionally limited its main dealers to five franchises, formally announces that it is lifting the ceiling to eight. This is expected in the next few weeks.

The deal is being negotiated by Mr Mac Robertson, the Laidlaw chairman, who joins the GD board to run the motor division. Laidlaw currently has three Ford dealerships in Scotland, and two in London.



Michael Waring: plans for further acquisitions

Mac Robertson: will run Goode's motor division

GD, owned by Mr Bruce Judge's Ariadne Australia, but run by Mr Michael Waring and Mr Cedric Howson, is paying 30p a share for Laidlaw, which joined the USM at 45p a share in October 1983.

The terms are six GD shares for every five Laidlaw, with a cash alternative of 28p for each Laidlaw share.

The move represents the first major step in GD's strategy of acquiring businesses in the distribution, financial services and property field. It has £35 million in cash, no borrowings and a readiness to issue shares. Ariadne, whose holding slips from 50.9 per cent to 41 per cent with the Laidlaw deal, is prepared to see its investment whittled down to 25 per cent.

Mr Howson, GD's finance director, said yesterday that the company had "a lot of potential acquisitions lined up," and he predicted further moves soon.

The Laidlaw offer has been accepted by holders of 57.8 per cent of the Laidlaw share capital, including the 23.4 per cent owned by the board and 27.9 per cent held by its financial adviser, Noble Grossart.

The Laidlaw management will own about 8 per cent of the enlarged group. The move also brings a number of Scottish institutions on to the Goode Durrant share register.

In the first six months of 1987 the two companies had a combined turnover of £103.6 million and earned profits of £3.7 million. They should be capable of at least doubling this in the second half, when GD will also be taking in £2 million-plus profit on the sale of its stake in another Ford dealer, the Perry Group.

## Factory space 'running out'

By Edward Townsend

Industrial Correspondent  
The Welsh Development Agency last year let more than 2 million sq ft of factory space to new or expanding businesses — and is running out of sites.

The agency, established as a Labour government means of intervention but transformed into a Conservative government-approved "catalyst for change", invested in the launch or growth of 132 companies in the year to end-March. This was a sharp rise on previous years.

For each £3 of the £5.2 million invested by the agency, a further £7 was invested by the private sector.

Mr John Williams, the chairman, said: "Shortage of suitable premises is a welcome problem which the agency is tackling vigorously." Its stock of vacant factory space has fallen to below 10 per cent of its total property portfolio.

The WDA, which has switched emphasis from attracting outside investment to Wales to a programme of encouraging indigenous businesses to expand, last year helped to establish 797 ventures through a programme of self-employment training.

Winvest, the branch of the WDA responsible for attracting outside investment, Wales was chosen by 61 overseas companies for investment, compared with 48 the previous year. These should create or safeguard more than 6,000 jobs, the WDA said, and involve more than £200 million of capital investment.

In addition, 36 projects were announced from other parts of Britain. These represent a £5 million investment and the creation of 1,265 jobs.

The WDA, as part of its changed emphasis to local expansion, last year launched its biggest programme of land reclamation and renewal in the valleys.

Finance of £28.7 million was provided for 156 schemes to reclaim 3,300 acres and £13 million was paid to local authorities. The WDA expects to increase spending on improving the Welsh landscape by another 25 per cent this year.

Mr Williams said: "With most indicators showing positive movement, Wales is increasingly able to compete in the modern world." Unemployment remained a concern but a strategy for success built on a strong economic base was emerging.

## Phoney war for Bank succession breaks out

Speculation that Robin Leigh-Pemberton might be a one-term Governor of the Bank of England has started earlier than it might, since the first term will last for a further year. That is certainly not at the behest of the Bank. The Treasury, however, is a keenly interested party and one which is known to be unhappy with the present personification of the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

These days, regrettably, the Bank is a separate rather than independent institution. The natural tendency for politicians to exert control has been reinforced by the emphasis on monetary control, one of the Bank's central functions. While the Treasury is, in even more detail, the controlling department for the Bank, however, the appointment of its Governor remains a job for the Prime Minister.

As his memoirs made clear, Lord Wilson chose Lord O'Brien, whom he preferred to the incumbent Lord Cromer. Lord Richardson, in turn, was the personal choice of Edward Heath. The present Governor was likewise Mrs Thatcher's favourite, the more obviously so since his appointment was regarded at the time as eccentric and more political than his predecessors.

The Treasury always thought Mr Leigh-Pemberton a lightweight, further eroding the Bank's position. Manner has much to do with this; charm rather than a tendency to lecture is his hallmark. The ideological tension between the City and Whitehall has magically ceased.

But Mr Leigh-Pemberton has come a cropper over the Bank's management of the City and financial institutions. The saga of Johnson Matthey Bankers is the prime example, but there have been others since and the weaknesses exposed in City regulation over the past year have mostly been in the Bank's sphere of influence.

There is little doubt that the Bank was caught napping on several occasions, though it usually recovered well. But many of its problems stem from the inbuilt inclination to operate quietly by using its immense influence behind closed doors. This has not given the impression of dramatic action which is required of the Government, especially as City matters have come nearer the centre of the political fight.

The view within the Bank is that Mr Leigh-Pemberton, like so many Governors, has picked up well after a difficult start, and that Bank quick-wittedness has helped the Chancellor out of difficulties on several occasions. This sort of thinking often predisposes Downing Street in favour of a second term for the incumbent Lord Richardson, for instance, had a tough start but was reappointed by a different government.

It would certainly be true to say that

no decision has yet been taken on a second term for the present Governor. The subject is probably nowhere near the top of Mrs Thatcher's in-tray. When the serious thinking starts later in the year, however, it is clear that the choice of Governor after next summer will be hotly contested.

## US export formula

The sudden death of Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, has meant that the burden of holding back the protectionist tide in Congress will pass to untried shoulders. Congressional hawks are obsessed with the idea that only protection will reduce the \$150 billion trade deficit. The hawks in the Commerce markets think that only another sharp dollar fall will do the trick.

But there is, as the economists at American Express remind us, another route. This is a spontaneous boom in US exports. The latest *Amex Bank Review*, published yesterday, puts together some numbers on a possible export-led solution to the US deficit.

The starting point is that the factors which got the US into this fine mess to begin with — the overvalued dollar and stronger growth at home than abroad — are no longer present. All that US industry has to do is to regain its 1981 share of world markets over the next five years, implying something like 10 per cent annual average growth in the dollar value of exports. Assuming that import growth is muted, the deficit would then have all but melted away by the early 1990s.

There is considerable potential, the *Amex* economists say, for strong growth in exports in several areas. They include capital equipment, up by 10 per cent in volume (although only 2 per cent in value) last year and an area where the US may now have the competitive edge. Industrial supplies such as chemicals and iron and steel are also seen as benefiting from the dollar's currently competitive level, while consumer goods could, it is argued, move on to "fast track" growth of 15 per cent.

On a best-case simulation, the 10 per cent-a-year export growth seen as possible, if combined with no growth in imports, would have US trade in surplus by \$10 billion in 1992.

In practice, the reduction in the deficit is likely to involve a combination of export growth and import restraint, either legislative or brought about by slower growth in the US. American competitiveness, as the *Amex Review* suggests, may also need regular top-ups, by allowing the dollar to depreciate steadily. For it to be plausible to talk of America's trade problem as surmountable does at least offer some hope of achieving equilibrium in the world economy.

## Auditors seek new image

By Carol Ferguson

Scottish accountants are to revamp their education and examination programme to try to make accountancy more attractive for students and to attract young high fliers.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland's aim is to allow graduates to enter a three-year training contract straight from university, regardless of subjects studied.

At present, graduates without an accountancy degree have to spend a further year at college to obtain an accountancy diploma.

Under the new system, accountancy graduates will take two "tests of professional competence" instead of the present four exams. They should be able to complete them in two years, leaving time for specialist training.

Graduates with non-accountancy degrees will sit the Institute's "professional exam" before going on to the tests, but they should still be able to complete the course in three years.

The Institute is concerned that the image of the accountancy profession is worsening, and that heavy training requirements and low starting salaries may hinder accounting firms seeking recruits.

A MORI survey showed that the numbers of final-year students interested in accountancy fell from 20 per cent last year to 17 per cent this.

## Adscene to go public

The Adscene Group, a local newspaper printer and publisher, is coming to the market valued at £15.5 million. Only 25 per cent is being sold, with half being placed through its brokers Capel Cure Myers, and the rest offered for sale.

Of the 3.5 million shares, 1.4 million are being sold by an existing shareholder. The other 2.1 million are new shares which will raise about £1.8 million net. The company made £1.1 million pretax profit last year and its historic p/e ratio is 17.7.

## Wheeling dealers at Ford

Goode Durrant Murray's agreed bid for Laidlaw, the Ford dealer which supplies cars for Ford's own employees in Dagenham, has made an unusually large number of people very happy. GDM's boss, Michael Waring, had originally intended to fight a contested takeover bid by rival Ford dealer Perry — together with New Zealand entrepreneur Bruce Judge, he had amassed a 14 per cent share stake in the group — until, that is, the intended plan reached the ears of County NatWest director Donald Macpherson. Macpherson, who had already been approached to defend Perry, tackled Waring direct and persuaded him to look elsewhere for a friendly deal — suggesting Laidlaw. Perry was ecstatic but Laidlaw not so sure. Initial takeover talks two months ago broke down, with a price on the table of 175p a share. But refusing to let a good idea die, Macpherson chivied both sides back to the negotiating table with the result 30p a share yesterday. With Waring getting Laidlaw's able chairman, Mac Robinson into the bargain, he had sufficient cause for celebration. But to make the circle complete he has also netted a £2 million profit from the sale of his Perry shares.

## All change

BZW has, I hear, beefed up its building research team by recruiting a four-man ensemble from Savory Mill.

## C&W telecom merger plan fails to break impasse

From A Correspondent, Tokyo

Cable and Wireless's attempt to be among the first foreign companies to join the Japanese international telecommunications market is still in limbo, despite a new proposal by C&W and its Japanese partners to bring the competing sides together.

The proposal, hammered out over the past month by C&W and its partners in International Digital Communications Planning, calls for the two competing consortia to merge into a new company, as requested by the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, with eight core firms, four from each consortium, holding a combined 72 per cent of the new company and the remaining 28 per cent shared among 55 other companies.

The new company would then "immediately" apply for

an international telecommunications licence from the Ministry and also apply for a business licence to lay a North Pacific cable.

But the cable — the main sticking point with International Telecom Japan, the rival consortium — would be looked after by a group separate from the merged firm.

Members of the merged company would then be able to participate — or not — in the new cable. Mr Jonathan Solomon, C&W's director of corporate strategy, said 33 per cent of the cable would be held by foreign interests — essentially C&W and its US partner, Pacific Telesis — and 67 per cent by Japanese companies wishing to join.

But Mr Solomon said: "I was very surprised and disappointed that there was no effort, I think, on the part of

those across the table to appreciate (the proposal)."

At a press conference held by the four leading Japanese members of the competing consortia — Mr Taketo Furuhata of C Itoh and Mr Tsurumoto Oshima of Toyota Motor on the IDC side, and Mr Yoshio Taniguchi of Mitsubishi and Mr Tomichiro Akiyama of Sumitomo for ITJ — both Mr Akiyama and Mr Taniguchi expressed scepticism about the IDC merger programme.

Mr Akiyama said the two sides would decide within two weeks whether to proceed with the idea, but deflected direct questions about prospects for resolving the impasse in merging the two consortia.

In the interim, Mr Solomon said, there would "perhaps" be discussions to look for agreement.

## Opec 'below quota ceilings'

By Edward Townsend

Fears among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) that some oil producers were exceeding their agreed production quotas were dismissed as "premature" by Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister and Opec president, yesterday.

War-torn Iraq was not included in the production quota accord but, said Mr Lukman, it could be expected to restrain production voluntarily despite the imminent increase of its export capacity of 500,000 barrels a day.

"Just because they have the capacity doesn't mean they will use it all. They are interested in a good price too," he said.

A disruption of exports because of the "tanker war" in the Gulf would be against the interests of Opec. "There isn't any telling what is going to happen if the Gulf gets out of hand," he said.

During a visit to Japan, where he met Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime



Courtesy call: Rilwanu Lukman and Yasuhiro Nakasone

Minister, Mr Lukman said that of the members who had signed the recent production agreement, only the United Arab Emirates was "materially" in excess of its individual June quota. The cartel's total production ceiling has been agreed at 16.6 million barrels a day.

Mr Lukman said five Opec members were substantially below their quotas and a further six were within 2 to 3 per cent of quotas. He also said Opec had not made a final decision to adjust its prices. He said: "We have been disturbed by the depreciation. Some adjustment is required to counter the dollar's decline since last December, when Opec first set its current prices, but when is not for me to say."

## Brave new world

Britain's minnow airlines, opposed to the merger of British Airways and British Caledonian, will undoubtedly find a sympathetic shoulder at St Louis, Missouri. The airport there, once served by 14 airlines, is now dominated by TWA, which has 37 departures a day compared with the 22 of its closest rival, Southwest Airlines. The implications are, predictably, higher fares and worse service. The travel department of one leading St Louis corporation estimates that the average price paid for airline tickets by its executives was 33 per cent higher this year than last. And, after TWA acquired Ozark Airlines last year, it discontinued about 40 flights from St Louis — reducing the service to a number of cities where previously both companies had operated. Other American airports are following a similar pattern and airline analysts there are now predicting steady fare increases during the next four to five years, as competition dwindles further.

## Fast women

Two City women — Rosemary Hann, head of the South East Asian department at Cazenove, and Hilary Baxter, of Specialist Software, a supplier of computer programmes to stockbrokers — reached the final of the national Women's Amateur Athletic Association 3,000-metre championship at the weekend. Both produced personal bests, Baxter coming fifth of 16 finalists in 16min 52secs and Hann eighth in 17min 8secs.

Carol Leonard

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### PM's bedtime stories

On the bedside table in the British Embassy during Margaret Thatcher's recent visit to Washington was almost certainly a copy of Peter Wright's banned novel *Spycatcher*. Sources close to Capitol Hill tell me that embassy staff sent

out 20 copies of the \$19.95 book, claiming they were for official use. Also certain to have read it is the ambassador himself, widower Sir Anthony Acland, who flew back to Britain last week to wed his childhood sweetheart today.

annual *Building Book* was compulsory reading for followers of the sector. Last year, the same team lost specialist salesman Andrew Bell and analyst Jamie Stevenson to Wood MacKenzie.

### No peace

Twenty-four hour trading or not, Britain's investment bankers will soon have no escape from their employers. British Telecom has, I hear, just reached an agreement with Californian firm Metrocass — part of the Metromedia empire owned by John Kluge — to market long-distance sleepers in the UK. Unlike conventional sleepers, which work only within a limited radius, these new gadgets can operate coast-to-coast in the US. At a cost of about \$30 a month, they have now been issued to corporate finance staff at the New York bank Morgan Stanley. "Timing is everything in mergers and acquisitions," says Morgan director Michael Svensson. "Everybody in investment banking is going to have these things before long."



"Amalgamated Consolidated are down another 20p tomorrow, mother"

## Reuters Holdings PLC Announcing excellent interim figures

■ Revenue up 49.3% ■ Pre-tax profit up 42.6% ■ Earnings per share up 43.1%

Reuters pre-tax profit rose by 42.6% to £81.6 million (US\$131.4 million) in the first half of 1987 from £57.2 million (US\$92.1 million) in the first half of 1986. Profit after tax was 44.8% higher at £51.4 million (US\$82.8 million) on an estimated tax rate of 37%, compared with 33%.

Earnings of 122p per ordinary share and US\$1.18 per American Depositary Share (ADS) rose by 43.1%. Each ADS represents six B ordinary shares. Revenue was 49.3% higher at £400.4 million (US\$644.6 million). Operating profit before interest rose by 50.7% to £75.5 million (US\$121.6 million) from £50.1 million (US\$80.7 million) in the first half of 1986.

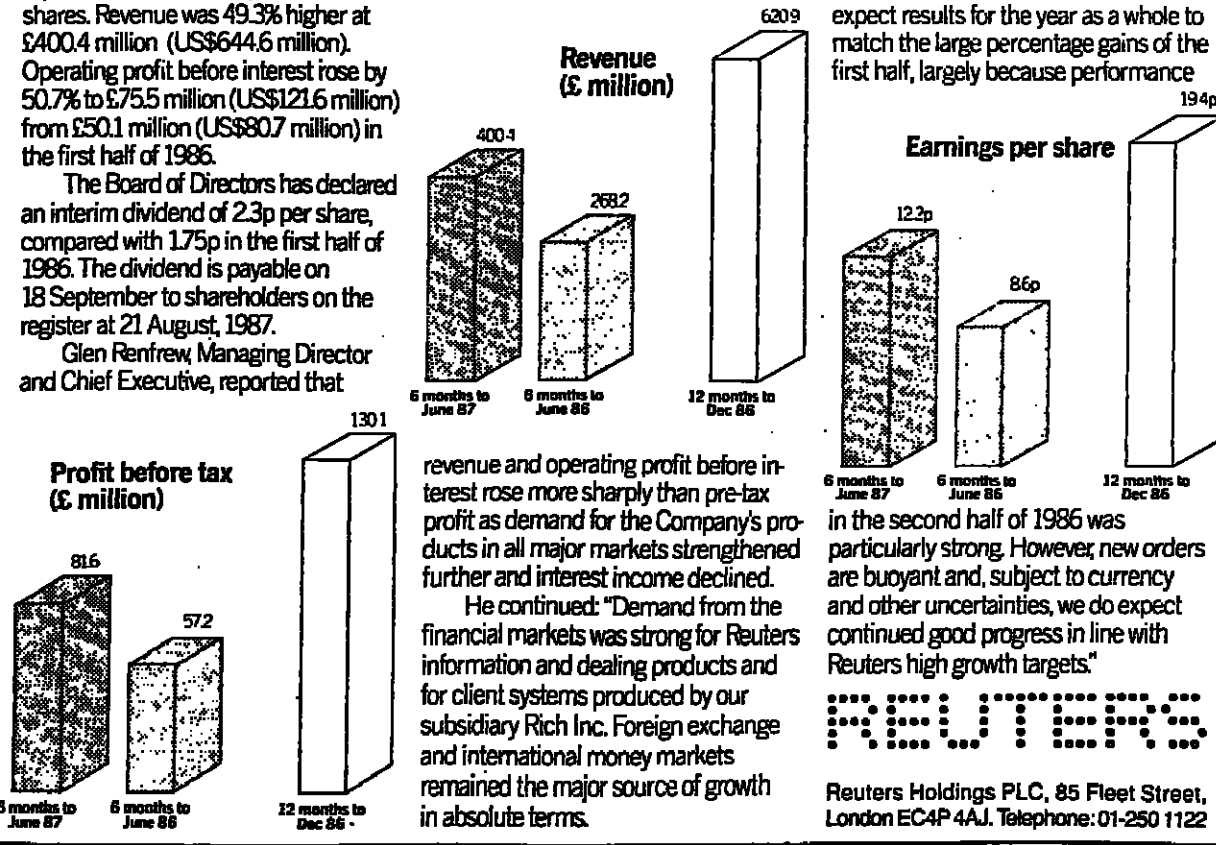
The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 2.3p per share, compared with 17.5p in the first half of 1986. The dividend is payable on 18 September to shareholders on the register at 21 August 1987.

Glen Renfrew, Managing Director and Chief Executive, reported that

Interim results to 30 June 1987 (Unaudited)					
	Six months to 30 June 1987		Six months to 30 June 1986		Difference
	£m	US\$m	£m	US\$m	%
Revenue	400.4	644.6	268.2	431.8	+49.3
Pre-Tax Profit	81.6	131.4	57.2	92.1	+42.6
Taxation	30.2	48.6	21.7	34.9	+39.2
Profit attributable to					
Ordinary Shareholders	51.0	82.2	35.4	57.0	+44.1
Dividend	9.7	15.6	7.3	11.8	+33.4
Earnings per Share (ADS)	12.2p(\$1.18)		8.6p (\$0.83)		+43.1

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# Ogilvy & Mather names director

Ogilvy & Mather: Mr John Blaney has been elected a director of the worldwide board.

Co-operative Bank: Mr Brian Jones has been appointed a director with responsibility for the corporate banking sector.

London Investment Trust: Mr Paul Dupee has been made non-executive chairman. Mr John Botts becomes a non-executive director and Mr Fabian Finlay finance director.

Michael Stanfield: Mr Alan Claridge is now sales director. Berry Bros & Rudd: Mr Jack McGowan becomes export director and Mr Nicholas Wright home trade director.

Lee International: Mr Peter Foster has been appointed finance director, succeeding Mr David Middel who becomes director, corporate development.

Hamilton Rentals: Mr Bill Tadden has been named managing director.

Clarke and Tilley: Mr Kevin Burman becomes a director. Associated Heat Services: Mr David Penny is appointed director, northern region. Mr Ralph Cohen director of corporate development. Mr Kerry McHarg director for Scotland and Northern Ireland and Mr David Scragg director of engineering.

Frere Cholmeley: Mr Bruce Brodie has become managing partner.

Decosol: Mr Sol Kay is now chairman.

Mercedes-Benz North America: Mr Erich Krampe is to become president.

Witech: Mr Richard Pugh becomes finance director from Saturday.

## APPOINTMENTS



Brian Jones: a director of the Co-operative Bank

Regalian Properties: Mr Andrew Storey has joined the boards of Regalian Developments, Regalian Homes, Regalian Properties (Northern) and Regalian (Urban Renewal).

Alexon Group: Mr Peter Wiegand is now deputy chairman.

Rotaflax: Mr EVG Rice has been named managing director and chairman.

Cheshire Building Society: Mr David Hewitt joins the board as a non-executive director.

Charles Barker Lyons: Ms Jennifer Potter has become deputy managing director.

ECI Ventures: Mr Stephen Dawson, Mr Martin Makey and Mr Ian Salkeld have been made partners.

Jackson-Stops & Staff: Mr Peter Bentley joins the company as managing director. Mr William Vernon is promoted to the board and Mr Donald Chivers joins the board as consultant.

## WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Shares slipped in early trading yesterday with bonds and the dollar little changed. While analysts said that further impressive profit reports could be expected, the market ap-

pears to have discounted the second-quarter economic gains and settled into a summer lull. Declining issues had a small lead over rising ones. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 5 points to 2,480.33.

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## IBM's soft move

By David Sanger

In its strongest move yet to become a top player in applications software, IBM said in New York last week that it was forming a corporate division devoted specifically to developing computer programs for use in offices, factories and a range of industries.

The action comes at a time when IBM has been struggling in the software arena. But the creation of the 6,000 employee division will probably bring to the fore a question that has long nagged IBM's executives and its observers: can a company of that size spin off the kind of innovative software that so far has been created chiefly by far smaller, less bureaucratic companies?

Joseph Guglielmi, who was named president of the new Application Systems division, said: "The time is right to put all the pieces together within IBM." He was referring to IBM's disparate software efforts around the world, many of which will now be unified under the new division.

Mr Guglielmi also said that the new division would acquire software from other companies as well as write its own.

Nonetheless, he conceded that the creation of the software division could increase tensions between IBM and companies in the software

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industry, which has been wary of aiding the computer giant in its effort to become a main competitor in the field.

IBM has long been a leading software producer. But most of those programs have been "systems software," programs that act as the basic operating systems of IBM computers.

In IBM's early days its biggest corporate customers — banks, airlines and manufacturers, for example — wrote their own mainframe computer applications programs. Most still do. But smaller businesses and personal computer users buy most of their software, and a multi-billion-dollar software industry has emerged to fill that market.

IBM's efforts in that area have been spotty at best. A series of programs for the System 36 and System 38 mid-range office systems have been well received, but mid-range offerings remain IBM's most troubled product categories.

Efforts to enter the personal computer applications software business have largely failed. Users have mostly rejected IBM offerings in word processing and spreadsheet programs, in favour of products from vendors such as Lotus Microsoft.

Earlier this year, IBM announced a joint development project with Lotus to create spreadsheet programs that can be used on mid-range and mainframe computers, and to develop a series of unspecified new products.

## Britain's late agreement still delays Framework

THE WEEK

By Peter Sands

For almost a year, the European Community has been dithering over the size and shape of its five-year research and development programme, Framework. Britain has finally removed its objections and the latest proposal virtually agreed is for an expenditure of £3.7 billion — half of the figure wanted originally by the commission.

The arguments have meant that individual research programmes such as Esprit 2, the next phase of Europe's research and development into information technology, have been delayed. Others, including the telecommunications programme, RACE, have been stopped at the starting blocks.

Most of the blame has been laid at Britain's door. It was the UK Government, backed to some extent by the French and Germans, that held out for a lower sum. Even within the current reduced £3.7 billion budget, Britain maintains that £285 million must be tied to other decisions concerning overall EEC finance.

The Prime Minister is indicating that if she gets no satisfaction on tighter budget discipline at an EEC summit meeting in December, it may

be held back. The other 11 member states want the last slice of the money to be agreed on before the end of the year, whatever happens.

Wrangling over the sums has infuriated many people in Brussels. The Framework programme is worth only 2 to 3 per cent of the EEC budget. That it should be put in jeopardy because of wider arguments over problems such as agricultural spending seems intolerable they say. The Common Agricultural Policy takes up about two-thirds of the overall budget.

The delay throws up several problems — even with all countries

### Better to sort out the international scheme

agreeing on a Framework programme costing £3.7 billion it cannot go ahead until the European Parliament reconvenes in September and, hopefully, approves it.

Then all the individual programmes have to be allocated budgets and given approval. Because of the Single European Act, which came into effect in July, no decision on these individual parts can be taken until the overall Framework programme is agreed.

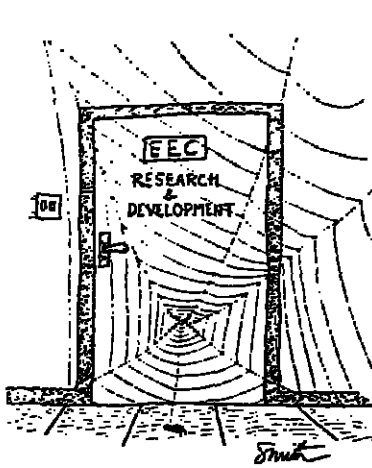
There are also serious implications

for Britain's own research and development programme, Alvey. The follow-on to Alvey, if and when the Government announces it, was intended to have very close links with Esprit, particularly in areas such as processes for VLSI (very large scale integrated) circuits and the standards for open distributed processing systems. Everyone agrees that it is better to sort out the international programme before the national one. But the earliest call for proposals for Esprit will now be December 1, and projects are not expected to begin until mid-1988, about six months behind the original schedule.

Concern is growing in the research-and-development community both here and in Europe that lack of decisions have meant that research teams are breaking up. Jean-Marie Cadiou, head of the Esprit programme, said that as from July, 60 fewer people would be working every month on the programme.

The break-up of these research teams is serious, because getting people from different companies and universities to collaborate has been one of the successes of both Alvey and Esprit.

Ironically, Britain's Trade and Industry Minister, Kenneth Clarke, said at the Alvey conference in July that the UK is firmly behind the new



enlarged Esprit 2. This is little consolation to those who have had to cut their proposals for the programme by 3,000 man-years to fit within the smaller Framework package, and who have been waiting for months to be able to invite proposals for new projects from the European information-technology community.

To cope with the cuts in the budget, some parts of Esprit 2 have been axed or severely cut back. An effort to develop some European capability in computer peripherals has been cut completely.

Meanwhile, what happens on the follow-up to the Alvey programme also hangs in the balance.

The only thing that seems certain in Britain is that the more market-oriented projects, the more industry will be expected to pick up the tab, and that in spite of the proliferation of initiatives, no new money for research and development is in sight.

## Amstrad takes the PC market by surprise

By Geof Wheelwright

The British budget-computer king and Amstrad chief, Alan Sugar, has announced a second product in the United States in as many months.

On the heels of last month's American unveiling of the new PC1640 — several weeks before its premature announcement in Britain at the PC User show — Amstrad has shown prototypes at an American show of a new version of the PCW word processor that launched Alan Sugar into the world of cheap personal computers.

The new micro — the PCW 9512 — has a better quality typewriter style daisywheel printer and more computer memory. It will sell for \$800 (about £500) in the US but will not be announced in Britain until the Personal Computer World Show in September.

The most important change in the new computer is the replacement of the older PCW 8256's dot-matrix printer with a daisywheel system that provides a better printing quality closer to that from typewriters. Its introduction is to try to eliminate objections

from office users about the quality of the printing with the earlier model.

No British price is available yet but as Amstrad plans to continue its existing line of the earlier PCW8256 machines — and already has a tough time positioning those against its own PC1512 and PC1640 — it is going to have to be very careful about selecting a UK price.

There have been suggestions in the trade press that Amstrad will price the new computer at about £500 but the company would have to do some radical reworking on its existing prices for other models to make that viable.

If there is too small a difference between the price of the old and new machines, Amstrad could be stuck with a huge stock of the older systems, so an initial price of nearer £700 is likely.

This will give Amstrad enough time to build up production of the new machines, shift the existing stocks of the older machines, and then perhaps drop the price of both PCW computers in time for Christmas.

## The all-rounder's day starts to dawn

The idea that the days of the computer specialist are numbered is an increasingly popular one. They will soon be replaced, so the argument runs, by the diversely skilled all-round business student, to whom information technology is just one of several necessary assets for management success, in the same way as speaking fluent English is necessary for many managers in mainland Europe.

But while some dismiss this as mere wishful thinking, a survey from the Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services indicates that employers are already increasingly in agreement with this view.

The federation is at the sharp end of the staff shortage in information technology with a computing section that has 200 members involved in filling computing vacancies. It contacted 300 companies for a preliminary report that concludes there is an urgent need for more hybrid individuals, combining both a knowledge of computers and general business.

Graduates in computer science come in for particular criticism as most companies find that they have to be completely retrained.

James Greig, chairman of



James Greig: graduate need

### RECRUITMENT

By Matthew May

the computing section of the federation, gave the example of one company which took on 50 computer science graduates a year and had to give them all "a three month business induction course, followed by six to nine months specific systems training".

Computer science graduates were also seen by companies as too often lacking in knowledge on the systems side, with the exception of students from Manchester and Leeds universities.

Despite this, employers still want more such graduates — at least 30 per cent more to cope with a current shortage of 15 per cent, coupled with an annual industry growth rate of 15 per cent. But they "must possess more general business knowledge," says Mr Greig.

There is general agreement that there is a critical shortage of suitable staff — the report estimates it at around 10,000 for those with three to four years' experience of information technology.

But employers are still loath to train, fearing such "added value" employees will be poached by competitors. One organization reported that computing staff received up to three phone calls a day offering other jobs while another loses 20 per cent of its graduates after retraining them in information technology.

The result, says the report, is that while US companies spend an average 3 per cent of annual revenues on training, British companies spend less than one sixth of 1 per cent. In France a recent law makes firms spend around 1 per cent of the payroll on training.

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## Digital sales rocket

By Calvin Sims

Digital Equipment says net income in its fourth fiscal quarter leapt 58 per cent to \$377.3 million (£235.81 million). But profits still fell short of Wall Street's expectations and Digital's stock tumbled \$6.50, closing at \$158.50 on the New York exchange.

Analysts blamed the shortcoming on Digital's higher income taxes and a deliberate strategy to restrain shipments in recent months.

Marc G. Schulman, a computer analyst with Salomon Brothers in New York, said that Digital planned to use the shipments to offset an expected lull in sales in September at the company's 10-day trade show for its sales force.

"Over all, the company performed quite well, and we expect the stock to recover," he added.

Analysts also said they were pleased at an increase in orders for Digital's VAX computers. They suggested that Digital was continuing to pull market share from the industry leader, IBM, who last week reported a 9.9 per cent decline in profits.

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The problem with transmitting computer data via cellular radio is that changing between cells can cause minute breaks in transmission, unnoticed in speech but sufficient to corrupt data. Systems such as this use special error-correcting software to overcome the problem.

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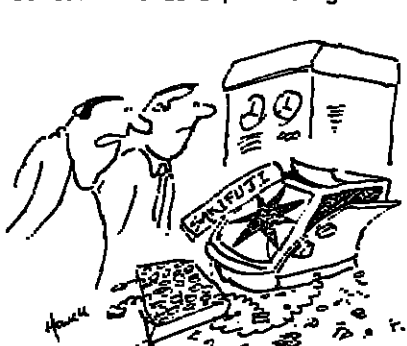
based on a weekly series of articles  
 Mr Naylor writes for PC Week magazine.  
 PC Compendium is published by John Wiley & Sons at £12.95.

### Plane case

A Tokyo businessman illegally sold aircraft computer technology to Soviet officials, the Tokyo police said last week. The businessman, Minoru Shimizu, is alleged to have sold details of a computer program that calculates fuel-efficient flight plans, depending on wind speed and direction.

The police said, however, that they did not believe that the technology was military-related, nor that the sale constituted a grave security risk.

The computer being used was a 16-bit computer, one that is not particularly technologically advanced, and the program was said to be based on published information in the United States, though even 16-bit computer technology is barred for export to the Soviet Union under Japan's foreign



"Must be one of those rogue kamikaze models..."

### Amstrad excuse

Excuse of the month must go to the marketing manager of Cambridge Computers, Peter King. Cambridge manufactures Sir Clive Sinclair's new £290 Z88 laptop computer. Though it is now receiving generally favourable reviews, the computer has had a difficult history with a three-month delay that caused the Advertising Standards Authority to uphold a complaint about mail-order advertisements that implied that delivery would be within 28 days.

Another complaint upheld was the promise of a three-megabyte memory pack to be available as an optional extra to the Z88 that shows little sign of appearing in the foreseeable future.

When questioned on this by the trade magazine Microscope, Mr King is quoted as saying: "The advertisement said 'heavy users will be able to expand' not that they are able to expand."

### Readable

For those deeply into their personal computers, next month sees the publication of *PC Compendium* - a useful 320-page book giving advice on the intricacies of such things as the MS-DOS and PC-DOS operating systems, local area networks and expert systems, as well as listings for utility programs.

Despite the arcane nature of some of the topics, author Chris Naylor always manages to write in an eminently readable fashion. Most of the book is

### exchange and trade control law.

The news comes at a time when Japan is already on the defensive about another illegal sale of technology to the Soviet Union, in which Toshiba Machine exported military-sensitive equipment.

### Card coup

Police have arrested nine teenagers in Pennsylvania for their part in a nationwide ring that used home computers to make illegal credit-card purchases and overseas telephone calls. The cards were used to buy thousands of dollars worth of various goods and services and the Secret Service is conducting a national investigation as a result of the case.

The youths, aged 14 to 17, used computers to tap into company authorization systems to obtain valid card numbers, and also gained access to phone company computers to obtain calling-card codes.

"This is not an isolated incident," said a local police officer. "We did uncover a nationwide underground hacking and break-in operation."

Authorities first learned of the problem six weeks ago when a boy's parents went to police with an expensive skateboard their son had bought. The parents said the boy could not explain where he got the money to purchase the board.

### Citizen plant

The participation by Japanese electronics firms in Britain UK has grown with the announcement by Citizen that it is to make computer printers in the UK. The company will build a £6 million factory by the end of the year on a four-acre site at Souththorpe in South Humberston. The plant is expected to employ about 300 people.

"Having a manufacturing base in Europe will enable the company to respond more quickly to market demands and, in the light of recent EEC reaction to Japanese printer manufacturers, will give us greater stability in European trading," said Mario Kizawa, president of Citizen in Europe.



Cobol trainer Jerry Garfunkel: surprising findings

## Ennobling uncool Cobol

### JOBSCENE

By David Guest

One of the humblest groups in the computing fraternity is about to be ennobled. Cobol programmers, long considered the drons of data-processing, are on the verge of a breakthrough.

It is not that Cobol has suddenly become glamorous or awe-inspiring. The common image of the language - one of extreme age and turgidity - has not changed, and its programmers may still experience feelings of guilt by association.

But the art of programming itself has moved on and Cobol programmers will soon find themselves cast in the role of keepers of ancient wisdom. According to the American Cobol guru, Jerry Garfunkel, a new generation of computer programmers has arisen to take advantage of the ubiquitous personal computer.

This particular group of "programmers", Mr Garfunkel points out, are often white-collar workers using programs like Lotus 1-2-3 or Ashton-Tate's dBase, and thanks to the sophistication of the software they are programming computers without necessarily realizing it.

That leaves, the argument runs, the previous generation of programmers on a higher plane of technical competence - a pedestal of sorts.

This elevated status is an inheritance that Cobol pro-

grammers could easily have anticipated; they themselves followed a generation of technicians who programmed computers with succinct but incomprehensible formulae known as machine code.

Programming languages have gradually moved further away from direct contact with the innards of computers and at each stage the earlier experts have been cast in a more flattering light.

But it is not simply durability that will give Cobol programmers their place in the sun. In Mr Garfunkel's view - supported by the perpetual

### There's more to computing than writing programs

shortage of skilled programmers - the demand for traditional programming expertise is not likely to diminish. Cobol is used in business computing, and business makes its own demands.

The would-be successors to Cobol and its contemporaries are called fourth-generation languages; they take away much of the abstraction of programming, so that skilled programmers can be more productive and non-specialist staff can be admitted to the mysteries.

But, says Mr Garfunkel, there is more to business computing than writing new programs.

He explains: "With fourth-generation languages, you can generate programs very quick-

ly. But Cobol is a means of generating and maintaining systems. In the mid-1970s we found, to our surprise, that all systems go through a maintenance schedule, change is a natural part of business and most of the changes needed in programs are systems changes imposed by the requirements of business."

By this analysis, fourth-generation languages will complement Cobol rather than replace it and the status of the Cobol programmer will be enhanced in the process.

Mr Garfunkel said: "Fourth-generation languages have a role in producing prototypes, for demonstration or design purposes, but then people will use other tools, including perhaps Cobol, for full development."

Mr Garfunkel has no small axe to grind. He has recently spent several months in Britain setting up an enterprise called The Cobol Training Company (TC2). He is also a long-serving member of the international steering committee that determines the evolution of Cobol.

But he is primarily an educator, and trainer. Cobol programmers can look forward to more interesting classroom sessions.

Listing the steps taken to brew a cup of tea is among the exercises that are typical features of traditional programming training. Mr Garfunkel hopes eventually to introduce less orthodox methods; future generations of programmers could be eternally grateful.

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## A career for charity's sake

When Frank Judd lost his seat in the House of Commons at the 1979 General Election it was just a matter of months before he bounced back into public life as director of a major charity, Voluntary Service Overseas.

Five years later Judd moved again, this time to the post of director of Oxfam, where he now occupies one of the key positions in the British "charity industry".

As a demonstration of how to get to the top as a charity chief, Frank Judd's example could scarcely be bettered. The foundation had been laid back in the 1960s, long before he became an MP, when for several years he was head of International Voluntary Service. Then, having entered Parliament as a backbencher, he was appointed a member of the Labour Government and in the late 1970s became the Minister for Overseas Development.

The period with VSO in the early 1980s showed that he was still in touch with the working of charities. The curriculum vitae had become impeccable.

Frank Judd illustrated that winning such a position in a leading charity is becoming increasingly like winning a top job anywhere else. You need to show professionalism, a distinguished record and an ability to bring to the organization both contacts and vision. You also need to be a hard worker.

The old charities' tendency of appointing retired army officers to senior posts is fading. As the charities fight for money and influence, as well as struggle for ever-wider fields of activity, they need go-getting entrepreneurs rather than "jolly old chaps".

The motivation may be slightly different from running a big profit-making corporation but the qualities required for steering a top charity are almost the same.

Hence advertisements often say that "senior executives" are particularly invited to apply. This was the case recently, for example, when the Richmond Fellowship, which works in mental health, was trying to appoint an appeals director.

PA Personnel Services, conducting the search on behalf of the fellowship, considered that business executives who wanted to make a job-switch and start a second career would be attractive candidates.

When David Bennell, the recruitment expert of MSL International, was looking for a director on behalf of the National Autistic Society, he made it clear that a successful manager from commerce, industry or the public service was what he had in mind.

Not that all charities are the same. Those which concentrate on raising money (such as Oxfam) are different from those which raise awareness (such as the National Children's Bureau) and

Charities are an ideal outlet for the talents and energies of managers seeking a change of work direction and stimulus says Edward Fennell

different again from those (like the Save the Children Fund) which provide professional services.

At the National Children's Bureau, for instance, there used to be a tradition of recruiting former officers, but this has given way to bringing in people from an educational or social-services background. As the NCB secretary explained: "Management skills in an organization like ours are extremely important but they need to be adapted to suit people who are extremely well-motivated and therefore want to be involved in every stage."

"Enthusiasm like that is tremendous but it also brings with it potential



problems. You cannot rely on any kind of authoritarian management. Instead you have to be able to manage 'democratically' without becoming bogged down in endless debate of the issues."

Many charities, of course, rely very much on voluntary effort to achieve their goals, whether in running local support groups, setting up shops, or organizing collections. Dealing with these volunteers requires a level of tact, persuasiveness and patience which might frustrate many conventional managers.

It is much the same when negotiating with governments or governmental agencies. Whether it is in the UK or in drought-stricken Third World countries, top charity executives need political astuteness and sensitivity. Indeed, so important has this lobbying aspect of charities work become that the Royal National Institute for the Deaf has

decided to set up a campaigns division, complete with a head of campaigns and a parliamentary lobbyist, so it can sell its message more effectively to the Government and the public.

According to Stuart Etherington, director of advocacy and information services at the RNID, it is important to recruit real professionals for these jobs. This is very far from being a second-career option. The RNID wants people who are above all, highly skilled. If they have experience or knowledge of health and social services issues, that will be a bonus.

The result is that at SCF, for example, professional expertise is taking a high priority. As Timothy Phipps, the deputy director general, explained: "If we are recruiting accountants or computing staff, it is their professional qualifications and experience which are most important. We are choosing them to do a good job, not for any sentimental feelings they might have about the circumstances of the children we work with."

None the less, charities thrive on enthusiasm and most people working for them are earning rather less than they would in the commercial world. Not, however, that there is quite the gap there used to be. Because of the reduction in the number of staff who have already retired on a pension or have a private income, the charities find that they have no option but to pay something approaching the market rate in order to attract the right calibre of candidate.

For example, Fairshares, a consortium of third-world development charities, has recently been looking for a national organizer to develop payroll giving. Like so many other jobs with charities this involves motivating volunteers and plenty of travelling throughout the UK. In order to bring in the right person, Fairshares is offering what has been described as a "very competitive salary" plus a company car.

Despite the underlying trend towards greater professionalism, it is still difficult to provide an Identikit picture of the man or woman who would succeed in the charity field. The fact that there are about 10,000 registered charities with a significant income (ie over £100,000) indicates that there is an amazing number of organizations which are tremendously varied in their composition and priorities.

In the case of the really small, but none the less worthwhile charity, it could well be that the manager in his or her mid-fifties may still have the qualities and attributes the charity requires. So if you feel motivated towards work with a charity, you need to investigate the kind of person they are looking for rather than just firing off applications to whatever comes up.

The chief benefit of working for a charity, of course, is the job satisfaction. So long as that doesn't change charities will be in safe hands.

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For further details and an application form (to be returned by 9 September 1987) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref: G/7313.

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Application forms and further details are available from the County Treasurer, P.O. Box 12, Shire Hall, Sharncliffe Park, Reading, Berkshire RG2 9XB. Tel: Reading (0734) 875444 extension 3701. For an informal discussion please call Andy Allen (Senior Assistant County Treasurer) on extension 3760. Closing date: 10th August 1987.

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2. Advisory work on horticulture including day to day enquiries from the general public and collaboration with other Government Departments, universities and parks departments.
3. Direction of investigations to improve the performance of plants in the Garden - especially the more difficult research collections of the scientific staff.
4. Advice on the content and organisation of the RBG course in Amateur Horticulture.

Candidates for the post will require first rate horticultural qualifications and considerable experience over the general range of horticulture and especially over the specialist plant collections of a botanic garden. A degree in horticulture or the national diploma in horticulture or equivalent are desirable but not absolutely necessary.

The Curator may be required to occupy official accommodation.

The salary scale presently in force is £15,354 - £18,816 per annum.

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Please send your application and C.V. in duplicate and a recent photograph to the following address:-

The Saudi Arabian National Guard Office,  
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## Bristol Waterworks Company

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An Application Form, to be returned no later than Tuesday 25th August 1987, full Job Description and further details are available from:

Personnel Services  
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Application forms and job description from the Unit Personnel Department, West Park Hospital, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8PB. Tel: Epsom 27811 ext 206. Closing Date: 12th August 1987

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Closing date: 21st August 1987.

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The Deputy Clerk to the Justices, Mr. T.G. Moore, will be pleased to answer any questions and arrangements can be made for prospective applicants to spend a day at the Guildhall. Telephone Nottingham (0602) 476345.

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For an application form and further details ring Horsham (0403) 64257 (24 hour service) or write to Personnel, New Park House, North Street, Horsham, Sussex, RH12 1RL, quoting reference PL/28.

Closing date: 14th August 1987.

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Amongst its remits, the NCVQ is required to collect, analyse and make available information on vocational qualifications and ensure the operation of an effective, comprehensive and dependable database.

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However, the person appointed will have a major role in advising on the actual configuration of the system ultimately adopted by NCVQ. Applicants must therefore have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the capabilities and limitations of the computer hardware and software currently available and of new developments in this field. For this reason a background in modern information systems would be an advantage.

A key feature of the post will be to recommend to what extent the NCVQ's database might interface and harmonise with those of other bodies.

Candidates will therefore be expected to possess the interpersonal skills necessary to gain the confidence of a wide range of representatives at senior and operational levels of such organisations, and the self-reliance inherent in taking the initiative in making the necessary contacts and carrying through a project to a successful conclusion with a minimum of supervision.

At the outset the person appointed will be expected to operate largely independently. However adequate staff and financial resources will be made available to ensure the required outcome is achieved.

Appointments will be made within a salary range of either £18,392 and £21,757 or £20,251 and £26,800 (including London Allowance).

The NCVQ offers a non-contributory pension scheme and 25 days annual leave together with 10% days public and privilege holidays. Conditions of employment are analogous to those of the Civil Service.

Persons interested in applying for this position are invited to send a full C.V. to: Anne Orr, the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, 222 Euston Road, London NW1 2EE, together with a covering letter explaining how they meet the requirements, by 28 August 1987.

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# **Martin worth the wait as a wonder**

**By Colin McQuillan**

odney Martin, the Australian the greatest percentage player  
no on Sunday became only the them all.

For most top players of the past 15 years, competitive pressure inevitably triggered defensive attrition tactics. For Martin, it is the signal for blitzkrieg retaliation.

venturous shot-maker the  
me has seen since the prime  
ys of Qamar Zaman.

Born of a renowned squash  
nily - in Engadine, near  
dney - but trained at  
the Pakistan squash

In the British Open semi-finals last April, Martin took Jahangir to the edge of defeat when he snatched the first two games and led 6-4 in the third.

On Sunday, he came from two games down in the final of the New South Wales Open in Sydney to win 7-5, 4-9, 9-7, 10-8, 9-6, even surviving a match

attention that made him the world's leading professional, tournament squash has suffered relative spectator blight from endless rallying that is the accepted basis of percentage.

Even Jahangir, who can prove on demand virtually anything in the game, built his unique record largely on athletic

ty, and Koss Norman, who led Jahangir's five-and-a-half-year undefeated run in the World Open final in Toulouse in November, is admired as Australian squad into London's Albert Hall, where Jahangir and his Pakistani compatriots will be trying to defend the world team championship.

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## remains to any court in county

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the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Goff and Mr Justice Goff) so held on July 15 in dismissing an application for

The procedure of "gross remanding" was increasingly being adopted but there had been doubt in certain quarters as to whether justices had the

Before Bristol would be required to appear in court on Thursday or Bank Holiday, it then be remanded back to original petty sessional area necessary authority so to do. However, there was nothing in the 1980 Act to suggest that a remand within the same county was in any way unlawful and the decision of the committee had been one of the

**ORD JUSTICE GLIDE-**  
LL said that under section 6  
e Justices of the Peace Act

**Letter from Sri Lanka  
envoy not irrelevant**

MR. JUSTICE MANN said that guidance on the application of the *Wednesbury* principles. ([1948] 1 KB 223) in challenge

as to whether a factor was or was not relevant to a decision to deport was given by Lord Bridge of Harwich in *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Bakhtawar Singh* (1986) 1 W.L.R.

The letter was plainly a factor which the secretary of state and the tribunal were entitled to take in account, and once it was relevant to their decision, then

for judicial review to quash the decision of the appeal board, dated July 10, 1986, deportation order made by the board to their countries with the weight to be attached to it was a matter for them, and in neither case had they shown an abdication of their duties.

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# Another Gattling century puts critics in place

## Captain earns Willis's support

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

**EDGBASTON: Pakistan, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, are 44 runs behind England.**

Mike Gattling should be able to face the papers more happily this morning. In the fourth Test match against Pakistan yesterday, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance, he scored his eighth hundred for England — not one of his more commanding innings, but as responsible as any and the continuation, for him, of a remarkable sequence on the ground. The game itself is certain to be drawn, the last day to be purely academic.

In England's last three Tests at Edgbaston, Gattling's scores have been 100 not out (against Australia), 183 not out and 26 (against India), and now 124. Yesterday's great disappointment was the loss of Botham in the seventh over, just as he was beginning to put the wind up the Pakistanis.

The partnership of 143 between Gattling and Emburey, which followed Botham's dismissal, left England secure from defeat. And when, after England had been all out for 521 (a lead of 82), Mudassar and Shoaib saw out the last 15 overs, there was no chance either of Pakistan losing today. A couple of wickets then and it could have been different; but Shoaib batted very well and what luck there was went the batsmen's way.

The only Englishmen other than Gattling to have scored as many as four Test hundreds as captain are Hammond, May and Cowdrey. Gattling's have come in 14 matches since he took over from Gower last June. At Sydney in January he was within four runs of another.

He could hardly have

played any better yesterday morning. A recent tendency to hit across the line, which he has had to work at in the past, had been exorcised, and his concentration was fully evident. He could but leave Botham to do things his way, and very soon he was.

In the second over of the day Botham took 10 off Kamal — a hook, an on-drive and a square cut — and in the fourth he hooked and straight drove the same bowler for two more fours. He was still there after half an hour, that much nearer to playing the innings that would have assured him of a place in the fifth Test at

real possibilities for England. Emburey, however, did his admirable and idiosyncratic best, outscoring his captain after lunch and hitting one starting six over the square off-side boundary off the back foot.

During the morning England scored 91 runs off 30 overs for the loss of Botham, Gattling contributing 53 of them. In 28 overs between lunch and tea Gattling made only 25 of England's 92, Emburey getting 47 of them before being leg-before to Wasim Akram. England had just gone ahead when Emburey was out.

But Gattling had gone well off the boil by then, and the strike was eluding him. From lunch until the time he was out, at 4.25, he received 87 of the 204 balls that were sent down and scored 36 runs off them. They bowled wide at him, wide enough to be called more often than they were. In his own mind, too, he looked to have settled for a draw. He might have declared behind otherwise, or decided the time had come to take more chances of his own.

He was probably thinking

something of the kind himself when, trying to hit Imran over the infield, he failed to clear mid-on. Foster was on his way to his best Test score, which included some powerful and pleasing strokes, and Edmonds helped to take England to their third highest total against Pakistan in this country: a couple of cover drives of his giving the bowlers a nasty shock.

Together, for the ninth

wicket, Foster and Edmonds had made 28 when Foster was sent back and thrown out by the bowler's end by Ijaz, running in from the covers. When Imran then bowled Dilley, who was playing no stroke, he had taken, here and at Headingley, 16 of the 30 wickets lost by England, for 206 runs in 80 overs. His Test match tally is now 308. Yesterday he passed Fred Trueman (307) and got nearer to the necks of Lance Gibbs (309) and Kapil Dev (311).

David Brown, under

increasing pressure as the manager of struggling Warwickshire, has called in his players for a full-scale practice at Moseley today, the eve of their NatWest Trophy quarter-final at Bristol. Brown knows that his future could hang on tomorrow's tie. He is still hoping that Gladstone Small might be fit.

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